



## PROGRAMME

### Sustainable & circular bioeconomy, the European way

22 October 2018

Charlemagne building, Brussels

**8:00-9:15: Registration**

#### High level opening

**Moderator:** Katrina SICHEL

**09:15-09:25:** Welcome from the moderator

**09:25-09:35:** John Bell, Director Bioeconomy

**09:35-09:50:** Carlos MOEDAS, Commissioner of Research, Science and Innovation

**09:50 -10:05:** Phil HOGAN, Commissioner Agriculture & Rural Development (TBC)

**10:05-10:20:** Josef Plank, Secretary General of the Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism in Austria.

**10.20-10.50: coffee**

**10:50-11:05: Video connection with farmers from Slovakia**

### Thematic sessions

**Moderator:** Katrina SICHEL

#### 11:05-11:55. I SESSION

##### Ensuring environmental, social and economic balance of the bioeconomy

The session will discuss how to operate the bioeconomy in a safe operating space balancing economic, social and environmental needs. This will include the protection of ecosystem, the research to increase sustainability and efficiency of production and ultimately the consumption affecting the safe operating space.

**Co-chair:** Erik MATHIJS, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Chair of the 4th Foresight Expert Group of the Standing Committee of Agricultural Research (SCAR).

**Speakers:**

Catia BASTIOLI, CEO Novamont

**Tiago PITTA e CUNHA**, Chief Executive Officer, Ocean Azul Foundation  
**Dominic KAILASH NATH WAUGHRAY**, Head of International Institutional Agenda,  
Member of the Executive Committee, World Economic Forum

## 11:55-13:00. II SESSION

### Key Strategic Research priorities

This session will address the need of strategic research and innovation in areas that are key to the bioeconomy. The discussion will focus on what are the needs and how better deploy resources for the development of new technologies and processes as well as research food systems linked to the bioeconomy sector.

**Co-chair:** Philippe MAUGUIN, President of INRA (TBC)

**Speakers:**

**Jochen WEISS**, Professor at University Hohenheim and co-chair of ETP "Food for Life

**Lucrezia LAMASTRA**, Coordinator of the EIP-AGRI Operational Group

**Orla FEELY**, Vice-President for Research, Innovation and Impact at University College Dublin.

## Feedback from students

## 13: 00-14:00: Networking & lunch

## 14:00-15:00: III SESSION

### Local development

This session will focus on the importance of encouraging the adoption, update and coherence of Bioeconomy Strategies throughout Europe, and support the EU rural, coastal and urban areas in exploiting opportunities offered by existing and new bioeconomy value chains, with citizens engagement.

**Co-chair:** Sveinn MARGEIRSSON, CEO of Matis

**Speakers:**

**Markku MARKKULA**, Chair of the City board of Espoo and Helsinki region.

**Anna TRETENERO**, farmer

**Michal SKWIERCZYNSK**, coordinator BIOMOTIVE project

## 15:00-16:00. IV SESSION

### Investments, Markets and the Bio-Based Sector

This session will discuss how to mobilise investments- including through the deployment of new financial Instruments- to strengthen and upscale existing and new technologies in order to support the creation of markets for more sustainable and circular bioeconomy products and processes.

**Co-chair:** Christine LANG, co-chair of the Bioeconomy Council

**Speakers:**

**Jos PEETERS**, Managing Partner, Founder and Director, Capricorn Venture Partners

**Andrew MCDOWELL**, Vice President European Investment Bank

**Christine LANG**, co-chair of the Bioeconomy Council

**Ilkka HÄMÄLÄ**, President and CEO of Metsä Group

**Mathieu FLAMINI**, former football player and now entrepreneur of a biotech company, *GFBiochemicals*.

## 16:00-16:30: Synergies between EU programmes and policy supporting the bioeconomy

**Co-chair:** Jean-Eric PAQUET, Director-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission

**Jerzy Bogdan PLEWA** Director-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission

**João Aguiar MACHADO**, Director-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission (TBC)

**Mr Kestutis SADAUSKAS**, Director ENV.B Circular Economy & Green Growth, European Commission

**Lowri EVANS**. Director-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SME, European Commission (TBC)

**Vladimír ŠUCHA**, Director-General of the Joint Research Centre (JRC) (TBC)

## Conclusion

**16:30-16:45:** Karmenu VELLA, Commissioner of Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries. (TBC)

**16-45-17:00:** Jyrki KATAINEN, Commissioner of Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness. (TBC)

**17:00:** end of the Conference