



# BIOEAST AS A DRIVING FORCE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL



*High-level conference on deploying sustainable and circular bioeconomies in Central and Eastern Europe in the context of food, agriculture, natural resources and bioeconomy related policies*

- WHEN:** 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020, from 12:00
- WHERE:** Permanent Representation of the Slovak Republic to the EU, Avenue de Cortenbergh 79, 1000 Brussels
- MODERATOR:** Barna Kovacs, BIOEAST Secretary General
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## DRAFT AGENDA

### 12:00 – 13:00 REGISTRATION AND LUNCH

Hot and cold buffet lunch will be provided

### 13:00 – 13:15 OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

- 13:00 – 13:05 Welcome address on behalf of the host  
*Gabriel CSICSAI, State Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic*
- 13:05 – 13:10 Welcome address on behalf of the Croatian Presidency  
*Tugomir MAJDAK, State Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture of Croatia*

### 13:15 – 15:00 1<sup>ST</sup> PANEL DISCUSSION - Bioeconomy in the context of EU policies

- 13:15 – 13:45 Keynote speech: Sustainable Models in Circular Bioeconomy  
*Janez POTOČNIK, co-chair UNEP International Resource Panel*
- 13:45 – 13:55 The bioeconomy supporting the European Commission's priorities  
*John BELL, Director, DG Research and Innovation*
- 13:55 – 14:05 The agri-food research supporting the priorities of the CAP  
*Nathalie SAUZE VANDEVYVER, Director, DG Agriculture and Rural Development*
- 14:05 – 14:15 From "Farm to Fork" in the sustainable food system  
*Sabine JUELICHER, Director, DG Health and Food Safety*
- 14:15 – 14:25 Bioeconomy in the context of environmental challenges  
*Humberto DELGADO ROSSA, Director, DG Environment*
- 14:25 – 15:00 Discussion  
*Q&A between the participants and panellists*



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## 15:00 – 15:20 COFFEE BREAK

Light refreshments will be provided

## 15:20 – 16:30 2<sup>ND</sup> PANEL DISCUSSION – The role of the BIOEAST Initiative

15:20 – 15:35 Keynote speech: The role of the BIOEAST Initiative tackling challenges for biomass valorization in Central and Eastern Europe  
**Barna KOVÁCS**, *Secretary General of the BIOEAST Initiative*

15:35 – 15:45 Bioeconomy in Croatia  
**Tugomir MAJDAK**, *State Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture of Croatia*

15:45 – 15:55 Bioeconomy in Hungary  
**Zsolt FELDMAN**, *State Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary*

15:55 – 16:05 Bioeconomy in Latvia  
**Jānis GRASBERGS**, *Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Latvia*

16:05 – 16:30 Discussion  
*Q&A between the participants and panellists*

## 16:30 – 17:15 3<sup>RD</sup> CLOSING PANEL

16:30 – 16:45 The strategic priorities of research and innovation  
**Jean-Eric PAQUET**, *Director General, DG Research and Innovation*

16:45 – 17:0 The role of the COST action in the context of the future Horizon Europe  
**Paulo FERRÃO**, *President, COST Association*

17:00 – 17:10 Empowering the BIOEAST macro region  
**Ryszard KAMIŃSKI**, *Undersecretary of State of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Poland*

17:10 – 17:15 Closing remarks  
**Petra VARGOVÁ**, *Ambassador/ Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Representation of the Slovak Republic to the EU*

## 17:15 – NETWORKING COCKTAIL

Participants will have the opportunity to taste various specialities from the BIOEAST region





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## DRAFT AGENDA – 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2020

### PARALLEL SESSION

#### 09:00 – 15:00 TWG: FOOD SYSTEMS

- 09:00 – 09:15 Introduction by the chair of the TWG  
*Pawel CHMIELINSKI*
- 09:15 – 09:30 Bioeconomy and food systems  
*Peter WEHRHEIM, head of unit, DG RTD*
- 09:30 – 09:45 Food systems partnership  
*Karen FABBRI, team leader, DG RTD*
- 09:45 – 10:00 The role of SCAR FOOD Strategic Working Group  
*Monique AXELOS, Chair of the SCAR SWG, INRA*
- 10:00 – 10:30 Panel discussion and Q&A
- 10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break - Common for all participants on the conference room on the ground floor
- 10:45 – 11:00 Food waste and the circular economy  
*TBC, DG RTD*
- 11:00 – 11:15 Food safety and the Farm to Fork strategy  
*TBC, DG SANTE*
- 11:15 – 11:30 Panel discussion and Q&A
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#### 09:00 – 15:00 TWG: FRESHWATER BASED BIOECONOMY

- 09:00 – 09:15 Introduction by the chair of the TWG  
**Zuzana BOUKALOVA**
- 09:05 – 09:20 Efficient Water Management in the context of the Green Deal Proposal:  
*tbc Ms Vrecionová, Mr Hlaváček, Members of EU Parliament – Agriculture Committee*
- 09:20 – 09:35 Climate and planetary boundaries  
**Piotr TULEJ, Head of Unit, DG RTD**
- 09:35 – 09:50 Partnership “Rescuing biodiversity to safeguard life on Earth”  
**Marco FRITZ, policy officer, DG RTD**
- 09:50 – 10:30 Panel discussion and Q&A
- 10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break - Common for all participants on the conference room on the ground floor
- 10:45 – 11:00 The role of the Blue Growth strategy. Inland water in the context of Horizon Europe.  
**Sieglinde GRUBER, Head of Unit, DG RTD**
- 11:00 – 11:15 The role of SCAR FISH Strategic Working Group  
**Michail PAVLIDIS, University of Athens, Greece, DG RTD**
- 11:15 – 11:30 Panel discussion and Q&A
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#### 09:00 – 15:00 TWG: AGROECOLOGY AND SUSTAINABLE YIELDS

- 09:00 – 09:15 Introduction by the chair of the TWG  
*Dóra DREXLER, director, ÖMKI*
- 09:15 – 09:30 Soil health and food mission  
*Alexia ROUBY, officer, DG AGRI*
- 09:30 – 09:45 European Partnership “Accelerating farming systems transition: agro-ecology living labs and research infrastructures”  
*Susana GAONA-SAEZ, officer, DG AGRI*
- 09:45 – 10:00 Developing multi-stakeholder partnerships for sustainable agriculture  
*Inge van OOST, officer, DG AGRI*
- 10:00 – 10:30 Panel discussion and Q&A
- 10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break - Common for all participants in the conference room on the ground floor
- 10:45 – 11:00 Agriculture in the context of Horizon Europe  
*Alexia ROUBY, officer, DG AGRI*
- 11:00 – 11:15 Yields and sustainable intensification, outlook of agriculture  
*Robert M'BAREK, team leader, JRC*
- 11:15 – 11:30 Panel discussion and Q&A
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#### 09:00 – 15:00 TWG: BIOENERGY AND BIO-BASED MATERIALS

- 09:00 – 09:15 Introduction by the chair of the TWG  
*Biljana KULISIC, team leader, EIHP*
- 09:15 – 09:30 Bio based industries related research and innovation in the context of Horizon Europe preparations  
*Pavel MISIGA, head of unit, DG RTD*
- 09:30 – 09:45 Bio-based industries Joint Undertaking  
*Eleni ZIKA, head of programme, BBI JU*
- 09:45 – 10:00 The role of SCAR Bioeconomy Strategic Working Group  
*Barna KOVACS, member of SCAR SWG*
- 10:00 – 10:30 Panel discussion and Q&A
- 10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break - Common for all participants in the conference room on the ground floor
- 10:45 – 11:30 Panel discussion with presentations and Q&A
- Bioeconomy and the involvement of primary production sectors  
*Oana NEAGU, general affairs director, COPA-COGECA*
- Bioeconomy in the context of rural development  
*Laura JALASJOKI, policy analyst, ENRD*
- Biorefineries in BIOEAST macro-regions  
*Martin BEHRENS, officer, FNR*
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#### 09:00 – 15:00 TWG: FORESTRY VALUE CHAIN

- 09:00 – 09:15 Introduction by the chair of the TWG  
*Jozef TUROK, officer, MARD SK and Rastislav RAŠI, policy adviser, NLC*
- 09:15 – 09:30 Bioeconomy and the forestry value chain systems  
*Michael WOLF, officer, DG AGRI*
- 09:30 – 09:45 SIRA 2030 of the European Forest-based Sector – targets, challenges and R&I needs  
*Johan ELVNERT, managing director, Forest-based Sector ETP, FTP*
- 09:45 – 10:00 The role of SCAR Forestry Strategic Working Group  
*Taneli KOLSTRÖM, chair of the SCAR SWG, LUKE*
- 10:00 – 10:30 Panel discussion and Q&A
- 10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break - Common for all participants in the conference room on the ground floor
- 10:45 – 11:00 Horizon Europe - Investing to shape our future  
*Dušan ŠÁNDOR, DG RTD*
- 11:00 – 11:15 Forest strategy and Bioeconomy  
*Galin GENTCHEV, officer, DG AGRI*
- 11:15 – 11:30 Panel discussion and Q&A
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