



# Overview of state of play on bioeconomy in Latvia

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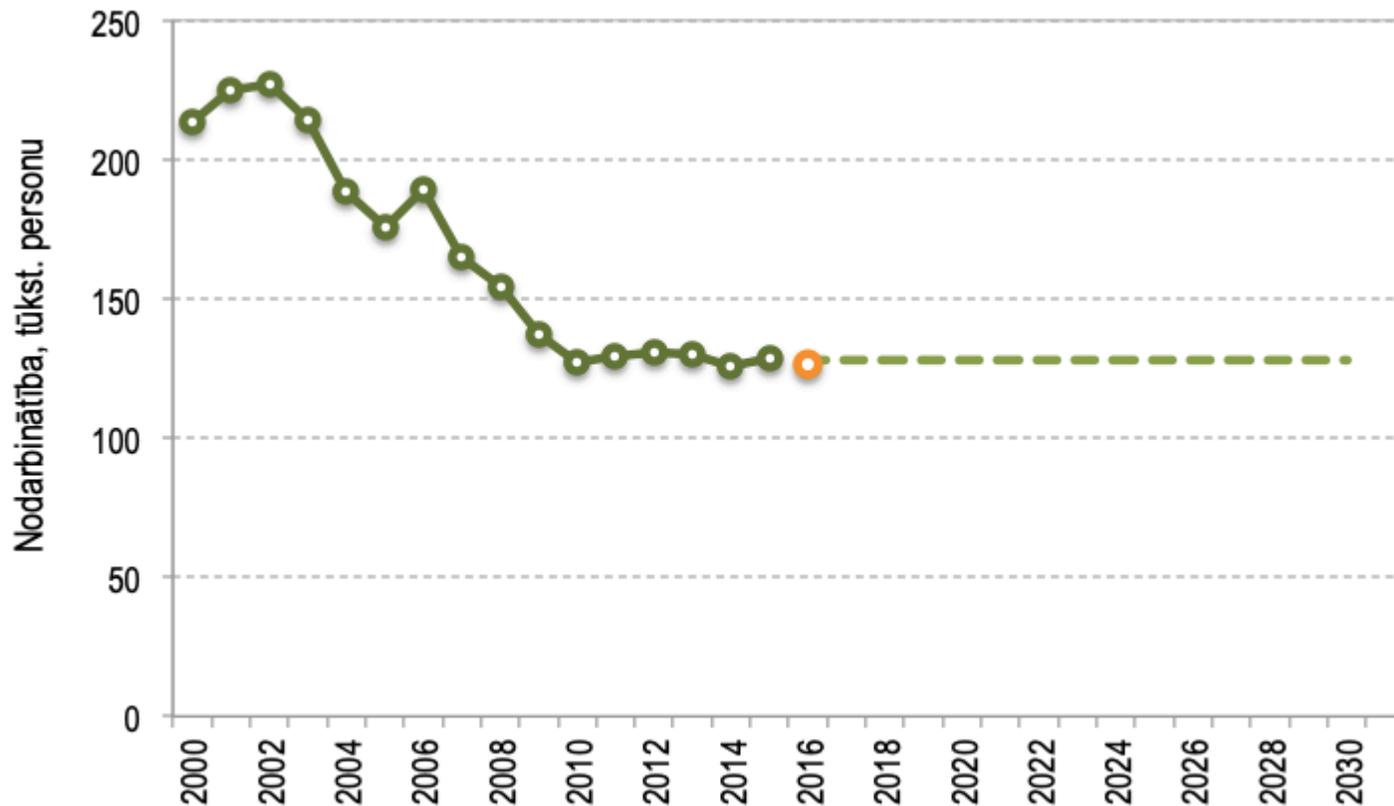
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Workshop "Facilitating development of bioeconomy policy – needs and gaps" Brussels, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

Workshop "Supporting the development of national bioeconomy strategies" Brussels 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019



# What is the value added of the Bioeconomy Strategy?



- Economic development – employment is the biggest challenge, but that is why the role of the bioeconomy is important
- Rural development – land use policy, motivated municipalities and regions
- Sustainable management of bioresources
- Research, innovation and development



# What was your level of ambition in the bioeconomy strategy?

- ▶ Long-term strategy (until 2030) because of the external political context (eg., EU climate and energy framework 2030)
- ▶ Action plan currently not foreseen
- ▶ In 2017, when the Strategy was approved, funding post-2020 was still unclear
- ▶ The Government Protocol Decision states that all ministries should contribute to the achievement of the strategic objectives





# What have you got out of the bioeconomy so far – has there been an impact?

- ▶ Achievement of a common understanding that bioeconomy is cross-sectoral and not just a competence of the MoA
- ▶ Better understanding of the EU Bioeconomy Strategy
- ▶ Interministerial working group still in place and now analysing the EU Bioeconomy Strategy
- ▶ Strategy is taken into account when developing policies, like CAP Strategic Plan, Circular economy strategy
- ▶ Development of new projects and collaborations
- ▶ Bioeconomy is mentioned also in the action plan of the new government

# What are the short-term and long-term external policy support needs ?

	Process related support	Technical assistance support	Strategy drafting support
<b>Building Block 1: Describe the bioeconomy concept at national level</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raising public awareness by organization of regional workshops within the country</li> <li>• COM speakers for explaining the EU Strategy</li> <li>• Inspirational stories/sharing good practices of farming, processing, research, and business</li> <li>• Training (by social anthropologists/mentors) for policy makers on how to address society and bioeconomy stakeholders (especially younger generation)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COM technical assistance for the organisation of workshops</li> </ul>	
<b>Building Block 2: Assess current state of bioeconomy and ambition within the EU Strategy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• understand the ecological boundaries of the bioeconomy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Macro-regional research in future</li> <li>• Info from COM about all H2020 research projects which are finalized or still are in the evolution process</li> </ul>	
<b>Building Block 3: Define bioeconomy measures, platforms and initiatives to achieve targets</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of COM webpage/information system dedicated to bioeconomy support instruments (CAP, RDP, Horizon, LIFE etc.) for entrepreneurs (incl. farmers, processors) and scientists (available in all EU MS' languages)</li> <li>• Training for policy makers and farmer advisers on bioeconomy support available to different bioeconomy stakeholders</li> <li>• Demo-farms/living labs</li> <li>• Explaining bioeconomy strategic block in the context of COM communication on the Clean planet for all</li> <li>• Training for policy makers on bioeconomy role within Horizon Europe</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy support facility for regional (meaning a region of a country) bioeconomy strategy development</li> </ul>
<b>Building Block 4: Leverage on the national and EU policies for sustainable</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SCAR mirror groups in MSs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support for MS representatives' participation at SCAR meetings</li> </ul>	

# Actions to advance the development of the bioeconomy strategy

COM as a facilitator between national and regional policy makers and NGOs

Added value of policies:

- Revised EU Bioeconomy Strategy
- Horizon Europe,
- A Clean Planet for all,
- and other policies.

Review of  
Latvian  
Bioeconomy  
Strategy 2030

Pathway towards  
national circular  
bioeconomy  
action plan