



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: 20TH 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

DRAFT AGENDA – 20TH FEBRUARY 2020

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 Commissioner
Dara MURPHY, *Cabinet expert, Cabinet of Commissioner Gabriel responsible for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth*
- 13:10 – 13:15 Welcome address on behalf of the Croatian Presidency
Tugomir MAJDAK, *State Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture of Croatia*

13:15 – 15:00 1ST 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 2ND PANEL DISCUSSION – The role of the BIOEAST Initiative

15:20 – 15:35 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 3RD CLOSING PANEL

16:30 – 16:45 The strategic priorities of research and innovation

Wolfgang BURTSCHER, *Deputy Director General, DG Research and Innovation*

16:45 – 17:00 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





BIOEAST as a driving force in the context of the European Green Deal



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WHEN: 21st 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

DRAFT AGENDA – 21ST FEBRUARY 2020 PARALLEL SESSIONS

09:00 – 15:00 TWG: FOOD SYSTEMS

- 09:00 – 09:15 Introduction by the chair of the TWG
Pawel CHMIELINSKI, assistant professor, IERIGZ
- 09:15 – 09:30 Bioeconomy and food systems
Peter WEHRHEIM, head of unit, DG RTD
- 09:30 – 09:45 Food systems partnership
Hans Joerg LUTZEYER, secretary of the SCAR, 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 in the conference room on the ground floor
- 10:45 – 11:00 Food waste and the circular economy
Bartosz ZAMBRZYCKI, officer, DG SANTE
- 11:00 – 11:15 The role of R&I in Green Deal, with focus on Farm to Fork Strategy and future CAP: Horizon Europe Cluster 6 Intervention Area Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Areas
Natalia BRZEZINA, officer, DG AGRI
- 11:15 – 11:30 Panel discussion and Q&A
- 11:30 – 12:30 Networking Lunch – Common for all participants in the conference room on the ground floor
- 12:30 – 15:00 Closed session for TWG members only



09:00 – 15:00 TWG: FORESTRY VALUE CHAIN

- 09:00 – 09:15 Introduction by the chair of the TWG
Jozef TUROK, expert, 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, officer, DG RTD
- 11:00 – 11:15 Forest strategy and Bioeconomy
Tamas SZEDLAK, officer, DG AGRI
- 11:15 – 11:30 Panel discussion and Q&A
- 11:30 – 12:30 Networking Lunch – Common for all participants in the conference room on the ground floor
- 12:30 – 15:00 Closed session for TWG members only

09:00 – 15:00 TWG: AGROECOLOGY AND SUSTAINABLE YIELDS

- 09:00 – 09:15 Introduction by the chair of the TWG
Dora 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 Novelties around EIP-AGRI, multi-actor approach and AKIS in the future CAP
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
- 11:30 – 12:30 Networking Lunch – Common for all participants in the conference room on the ground floor
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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*
- 11:30 – 12:30 Networking Lunch – Common for all participants in the conference room on the ground floor
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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, *head of department, VODNÍ ZDROJE*
- 09:05 – 09:20 Blue bioeconomy in the context of the European Green Deal
Dora BARREIRA RAMOS, *officer, DG MARE*
- 09:20 – 09:35 Climate and planetary boundaries
Josefina ENFEDAQUE, *officer, DG RTD*
- 09:35 – 09:50 Partnership “Rescuing biodiversity to safeguard life on Earth”
Josefina ENFEDAQUE, *officer, DG RTD*
- 09:50 – 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 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 and the inland water research agenda
Bela HALASI-KOVACS, *member of SCAR FISH SWG, HAKI-NAIK*
- 11:15 – 11:30 Panel discussion and Q&A
- 11:30 – 12:30 Networking Lunch – Common for all participants in the conference room on the ground floor
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