

A circular bioeconomy: Providing solutions to the EU Green Recovery Plan



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The bioeconomy has a pivotal role to play in the transition to a more circular, sustainable and resource-efficient society. In order to achieve food security, meet climate and renewable energy targets and accelerate progress towards achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as important elements of the EU Green deal, the bioeconomy sectors need to continue to **invest and innovate from knowledge exchange and training to renewable and biobased solutions that will replace fossil-based ones.**

The event will provide the opportunity to have an open exchange based on concrete examples with the EU institutions on the contribution of the bioeconomy to the EU Green Recovery. The provision of examples will be coupled with what are the most important policy initiatives in the Green Deal that will promote the EU bioeconomy as a solution to address many challenges that we are facing in EU. The examples provided can range from products to training and skills development.



DRAFT AGENDA

16:00-16:10 – Welcome: Green Deal and bioeconomy

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16:10-16:20 – EUBA view: Green Deal and bioeconomy

Marie-Christine Ribera, EUBA President & CEFS Director-General

16:20-16:30 – Circular bioeconomy good practices for a green recovery from the COVID-19 crisis

Anne-Katrin Bogdanski, 'Climate, Biodiversity, Land and Water Department', FAO

16:30-17:25 – Bioeconomy in the context of Green Deal and Green Recovery - The example of the biorefinery

Four examples (40' total, max 10' each) followed by Q&As session moderated by EUBA

1. From sustainable sourcing of feedstock to bringing products to the market:
Lorenzo Valtieri, Energy Manager and R&D Project Manager, Caviro Group
2. SWEETWOODS project:
Peep Pitk, R&D Manager, Graanul Invest
3. A EU 13 biorefinery and value-chain approach: the primary sector as a strategic partner:
Alarik Sandrup, Director Public & Regulatory Affairs at Lantmännen (Swedish farmers' cooperative), President of ePURE (European renewable ethanol association)
4. Knowledge exchange, education, training, skills:
Geert Maesmans, Regional R&D Leader, Cargill EMEA, and Global R&D Leader, Cargill Starches, Sweeteners and Texturizers (based in Cargill's R&D Centre in Vilvoorde, BE)

17:25-17:30 – Closing remarks and take-away messages

(MEP Mr. Franc Bogovič)