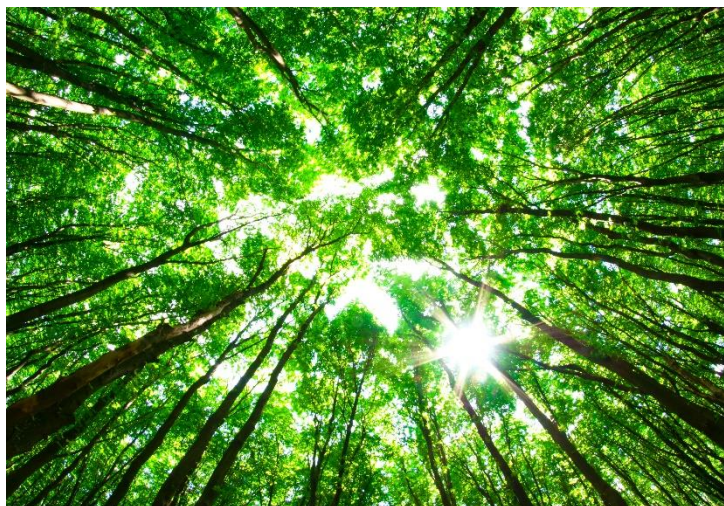


European bioeconomy's role in reaching the EU Green Deal targets



Tuesday 21 June 2022, 10:00 – 11:30 CEST

Online event hosted by MEP Franc Bogovič

Chair of the Bioeconomy Working Group of the
European Parliament Intergroup on 'Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development'

The bioeconomy has a great potential to contribute to tackling environmental and societal challenges, such as resource efficiency and climate change, whilst maintaining European industrial competitiveness and contributing to job creation. It has also a key role at strengthening the strategic autonomy and resilience of the European industry. Following the release of the European Commission's progress report on the evolution of the EU Bioeconomy Strategy (2022 – to be confirmed), this event will serve as a policy discussion platform for different stakeholders to explore the role and the achievements of the bioeconomy and the ways in which its policy framework can be improved in the context of the EU Green Deal.

As a result, this event organized under the umbrella of the European Parliament Intergroup on 'Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development' in collaboration with the European Confederation representing the pulp and paper industries (Cepi), aims at highlighting the solutions the forest-based industries are delivering to mitigate the effects of climate change, for instance by providing renewable and recyclable low-carbon alternatives to fossil-based materials. Underlining the need for a European bioeconomy strategy that would entwine with the industrial policy, the event aims at providing a platform for debate on the state of play regarding bioeconomy at European level, as well as on the next steps needed to ensure that the EU Bioeconomy strategy contributes to the long-term solution of climate and environmental concerns, while supporting competitiveness, jobs and growth.

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FINAL AGENDA

- 10:00 – 10:10** Welcome remarks by **MEP Franc Bogovič**, Chair of the Bioeconomy Working Group of the European Parliament Intergroup “Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development”
- 10:10 – 10:20** **Keynote presentation:** “Updated Finnish national bioeconomy strategy and how it relates to the European strategy” by **Sampsa Nissinen**, Director of Unit, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Finland
- 10:20 – 10:55** **Panel discussion:**
- **Peter Wehrheim**, Head of Unit, Bioeconomy and Food Systems (DG RTD), European Commission
 - **Maarit Lindström**, Director and Chief Economist, Finnish Forest Industries Federation (FFIF)
 - **Kelsey Perlman**, Forest and Climate Campaigner, FERN
 - **Tomáš Krejzar**, Director, Department of Forest Policy and Economics, Ministry of Agriculture, Czech Republic
- 10:55 – 11:10** **Reactions from MEPs (5’ per speaker):**
- **MEP Elsi Katainen**
 - **MEP Petri Sarvamaa**
 - **MEP Simone Schmiedtbauer (video-message)**
- 11:10 – 11:25** **Q&A discussion with the audience**
- 11:25 – 11:30** Closing remarks by **MEP Franc Bogovič**, Chair of the Bioeconomy Working Group of the European Parliament Intergroup “Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development”