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EIP-AGRI Workshop: Opportunities for farm diversification in the circular bioeconomy

The EIP-AGRI Workshop: Opportunities for farm diversification in the circular bioeconomy, took place in Vilnius, Lithuania, on 6-7 February 2019.

Participation in the event was by invitation only.

This workshop was organised by the European Commission Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development and the EIP-AGRI Service Point, and hosted by the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania.

Background information

The circular economy can be an important source of diversified and stable income for farmers and foresters as well as a factor for high quality job creation, competitiveness and growth in rural areas, not least by creating business opportunities based on modern digital technologies and innovative business practices. By adopting innovative business models that make better use of waste streams, including the recovery of nutrients, farmers and foresters can make an important contribution to a more circular and resource-efficient economy in the EU's rural areas.

The workshop will look at the various business models farmers and foresters could potentially adopt to take advantage of the circular economy markets, for example:

- By developing intermediary products
 - By developing joint initiatives with the industry
 - On their own by developing particular products
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Presentations (in order of the programme)

Day 1: Wednesday 6 February 2019

- [Introduction to DG AGRI and EIP-AGRI activities](#) [1] - **Alberto D'Avino** - DG AGRI
- [Introduction to the EU bio-economy strategy](#) [2] - **Liutauras Guobys** - DG RTD
- [Feedback on a workshop for policy makers on the integration of primary producers in the bio-economy](#) [3] - **Jose Ruiz ESPI** - DG AGRI
- [State of play on the ENRD Thematic Group on the bio-economy](#) [4] - **Laura Jalasjoki** - ENRD Contact Point

The Bio-economy - a challenge and an opportunity for farmers:

- [Practical opportunities for diversification into the bio-economy, focused on the farmer's perspective](#) [5] - **Mr. Kevin O'Connor** - Scientific Committee BBIJU

Presentations of four projects to highlight the broad variety of work being undertaken under the circular bio-economy theme:

- [Johan Sanders, CEO of Sannovations - Developer of small-scale bio-economy systems.](#) [6]
- [Lucrezia Lamastra, Researcher at Università Cattolica Del Sacro Cuore - involved in two Operational Groups.](#) [7]
- [Fernando Sebastián Nogués, Coordinator of AGROINLOG - H2020 project](#) [8]
- [Tuula Raukola - Involved in various innovative projects in circular bio-economy in Finland](#) [9]

Break-out session - Which opportunities can farmers and foresters pursue when diversifying into the bio-economy?

- [Livestock Farming: Mr. James Gaffey - ICT-BIOCHAIN](#) [10]
 - [Arable Farming: Ms. Anna Trettenero - Innovative biogas plant](#) [11]
 - [Forestry: Mr. Bernard Carey - Operational Group Biomass to Biochar for Farm Bio-economy \(BBFB\)](#) [12]
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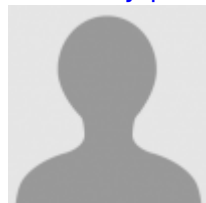
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