



EIP-AGRI Workshop

'Opportunities for farm diversification in the circular bioeconomy'

DAY 1 – 6 FEBRUARY 2019

13:00 – 13:50

Welcome & introduction

- Ms. Sarah Watson, Lead facilitator. Warm up: who is in the room?
- Mr. Darius Liutikas, Vice-minister - Ministry of Agriculture of Lithuania. Welcome to Lithuania
- Mr. Alberto D'Avino, European Commission DG AGRI. Introduction to DG AGRI and EIP-AGRI activities
- Interviews with:
 - Mr. Paolo Mantovi, EIP-AGRI Operational Group representative
 - Ms. Efthymia Alexopoulou, Researcher
 - Mr. James Gaffey, BBI project representative
- Introducing the event programme and the Open Space opportunity, Ms. Sarah Watson

13:50 – 14:20

Presentations

- Mr. Liutauras Guobys, European Commission DG RTD. Introduction to the EU bio-economy strategy,
- **Mr. Jose Ruiz ESPI, European Commission DG AGRI. Feedback on a workshop for policy makers on the integration of primary producers in the bio-economy,**
- Ms. Laura Jalasjoki, ENRD Contact Point. State of play on the ENRD Thematic Group on the bio-economy,

14:20 – 14:40

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

- Mr. Kevin O'Connor, Chairperson Scientific Committee BBIJU. Utilising relevant case studies to highlight practical opportunities for diversification into the bio-economy, focused on the farmer's perspective.

14:45 – 15:45

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

- Mr. Johan Sanders, CEO of Sannovations - Developer of small-scale bio-economy systems.
- Ms. Lucrezia Lamastra, Researcher at Università Cattolica Del Sacro Cuore - involved in two Operational Groups.
- Mr. Fernando Sebastián Nogués, Coordinator of AGROINLOG - H2020 project
- Ms. Tuula Raukola - Involved in various innovative projects in circular bio-economy in Finland

15:50 – 16:20

Coffee break

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Workshop

"Best practices in integrating primary producers in the bioeconomy value chains and boosting the development of the bioeconomy in rural areas"

Brussels, 20-21 September 2018

Main conclusions

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DG Agriculture and Rural Development*

Workshop background

- Bioeconomy increasingly prominent in the **Common Agricultural Policy**:
 - ✓ Cork 2.0 declaration (2016)
 - ✓ Post-2020 CAP proposal (2018)
- **New Bioeconomy Strategy** (2018) → emphasis on rural development and inclusive value chains



Need to reflect on the role and position of primary producers in the bioeconomy



Workshop details

- Brussels, 20-21 September 2018
- 120 Participants: national/regional policy makers, project coordinators, professional associations of primary producers, bio-based industry, European Commission.
- Day 1: best practices in the design and the implementation of **national bioeconomy strategies**.
- Day 2: innovative **business practices** and value chains successfully involving primary producers.



Success factors

- Developing appropriate governance frameworks.
- Promoting appropriate business models.
- Increasing awareness among primary producers.
- Primary producer cooperation.
- Developing a national/regional BE Strategy
- Linking future CAP Strategic plans and the NBES.



Advantages of small-scale business models

- Reduced distance → efficiency
- Possibility of further transformation in bigger-scale bio-refineries
- Circularity → nutrient recycling, protein by-product
- Reduced GHG emissions (little or no transportation)

Thank you for your attention!

Final report:

https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/sites/agriculture/files/bioeconomy/pdf/2018-09-20-workshop-report_en.pdf

