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# Bioeconomy

## ENRD Thematic Group on 'Mainstreaming the Bioeconomy'

9<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Rue de Trèves 61, Brussels, Belgium

### Agenda

Drawing on the previous ENRD thematic work on the transition to the green economy and resource efficiency, this newly launched Thematic Group on 'Mainstreaming the Bioeconomy' aims at **encouraging the development of sustainable bioeconomy value chains that promote employment and economic growth in rural areas**, while preserving their eco-systems. The Thematic Group will provide a platform where stakeholders can share their experiences of building rural bioeconomy value chains and insights on how these can best be supported under the CAP, and in particular under rural development policy.

It is envisaged to hold up to four Thematic Group (TG) meetings and a final seminar, between October 2018 and July 2019.

The main objectives of this 1<sup>st</sup> meeting are:



- To present the **outcomes of the scoping work** carried out by the ENRD CP;
- To agree on the **most relevant issues** on which to focus the activity and analytical work of the TG;
- To refine the **TG objectives**, on the basis of stakeholders' reactions to the outcomes of the scoping work and additional inputs;
- To refine **work methodologies and communication activities**.



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08.30 – 09.00	Registration and coffee
09.00 – 09.15	Welcome message and introduction to the day <i>ENRD Contact Point</i>
<b><u>Session 1: Introduction to the scope and proposed objectives of the Thematic Group</u></b>	
09.15 – 09:30	Overview of the proposed objectives and activities of the Thematic Group <i>ENRD CP</i>
09.30 – 09.50	Bioeconomy value chains and rural development – the policy context <i>Ben Allen and Catherine Bowyer, ENRD CP</i>
09.50 – 10.10	Bioeconomy value chains and rural development – overview of on-going initiatives in Southern Europe and main barriers <i>Sandro Angiolini, ENRD CP</i>
10.10 – 10.30	Q&A session
10.30 – 10.45	<i>Coffee break</i>
<b><u>Session 2: Supporting the development of sustainable bioeconomy value chains in Europe</u></b>	
10.45 – 11.45	<b>State of play of the bioeconomy and value chains in the EU</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>DG AGRI framing presentation - Galin Gentchev, European Commission</i></li> <li>○ <i>The Spanish experience – María Teresa Ambrós Mendioroz, Ministry of Agriculture</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>The Latvian experience – Laura Liepiņa, Ministry of Agriculture</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
11.45 – 12.00	Q&A session
12.00 – 13.00	<i>Networking lunch</i>

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<u>Session 3: Ideas for the Thematic Group's objectives, activities and communication</u>	
13.00 – 15.00	Group discussions
15.00 – 15.15	<i>Coffee break</i>
15.15 – 15.30	Feedback from group discussions
15.30 – 15.45	Wrapping up key elements for the analytical work of the Thematic Group, and refining work methodologies and communication activities
15.45 – 16.00	Concluding remarks & next steps