

ENRD Thematic Group on 'Bioeconomy and Climate Action in rural areas'

Agenda

4th TG meeting – 28 April 2020 - webinar

Since September 2019 the Thematic Group has discussed the [opportunities](#) to increase rural bioeconomy's contribution to climate change mitigation, approaches to [promote and upscale](#) mitigation practices, and ways of [tracking and demonstrating](#) rural bioeconomy activities' contribution to climate change mitigation.

The fourth meeting of the Thematic Group will discuss **how climate change mitigation can be made economically viable and attracting for rural actors**. The meeting will explore ways to recognise and remunerate rural actors for their climate efforts, for example through public schemes such as those supported by the CAP / Rural Development Programmes.

The meeting will benefit from collaboration with the Walloon National Rural Network. Selected rural initiatives related to the bioeconomy and climate action in the region will be highlighted during the event and discussed with the participants.

The meeting is especially targeted at National Rural Networks, RDP Managing Authorities, Local Action Groups, researchers and any stakeholders involved in bioeconomy value chains or rural bioeconomy initiatives.

The meeting will be organised as a webinar. It will consist of stakeholder presentations and facilitated discussion among the participants. The meeting will be held in English.



Main agenda items	
10.00 – 10.15	Opening and introduction
Belgian experiences of economically sustainable rural climate action	
10.15 – 11.00	<p>Walloon experiences of rural bioeconomy initiatives contributing to climate change mitigation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wallonia’s circular economy strategy - Local, circular ecosystem by Biogaz du Haut Geer and HesbayeFrost - Faascht Farm : Bio-based energy and fertilisers for tomato production - Stabilame wood construction enterprise
11.00 – 11.20	<i>Break - Discussion</i>
Approaches to remunerating rural climate action	
11.20 – 12.05	<p>Discussion on private and public approaches to remunerating climate benefits of rural activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The economic value of climate action within the rural bioeconomy – ENRD Contact Point - Orienting RDP support to climate responsible farms, Pays de la Loire region, FR - Economic aspects of integrating climate change mitigating agroforestry in EU farming, Spanish Agroforestry Association, ES - Discussion
12.05 – 12.30	<p>Remunerating for climate action and the CAP (title TBC) – European Commission</p> <p>Closing</p>