



The European Commission's Knowledge Centre for Bioeconomy

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Launch event
20 July 2017

Brussels, Berlaymont – Schuman room

Programme



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European Commission's Bioeconomy Knowledge Centre: Launch event

The European Commission's Bioeconomy Knowledge Centre (BKC) will be launched at this event as the Commission's central knowledge hub on the bioeconomy. Its purpose is to help to manage knowledge demand (helping users identifying the knowledge they really need), and knowledge supply (informing knowledge producers about users' needs; making knowledge available to (EU) policy makers and stakeholders).

09:00 – 09:30

Registration and welcome coffee

09:30 – 10:35

Opening session

Welcome and opening remarks

Moderator: Vladimír Šucha

Director-General, Directorate-General Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Tibor Navracsics

Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, European Commission

Carlos Moedas

Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, European Commission

Launch of the European Commission's Bioeconomy Knowledge Centre. Remarks by:

David Wilkinson

Director, Sustainable Resources Directorate, Directorate-General Joint Research Centre, European Commission

John Bell

Director, Bioeconomy Directorate, Directorate-General Research and Innovation, European Commission

10:35 – 11:05

Coffee break

11:05 – 12:45

Panel discussion: Towards better knowledge management on bioeconomy

The panel will explore how improved knowledge on bioeconomy can help policymakers better design related EU policies in the short, medium and long term.

- How can data and knowledge about bioeconomy be made more useful for policy making?

- What gaps and challenges still exist for evidence-based bioeconomy policy making?

Moderator: Alan Belward

Head of Knowledge for Sustainable Development and Food Security Unit, Directorate-General Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Keynote introduction

Erik Mathijs

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Chair of the 4th Foresight Expert Group of the Standing Committee of Agricultural Research (SCAR)

Panel discussion

Pierre Bascou

Director, Sustainability and Income Support Directorate, Directorate-General Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission

Humberto Delgado Rosa

Director, Natural Capital Directorate, Directorate-General Environment, European Commission

Achim Boenke

Policy Officer, Chemicals Unit, Directorate-General for the Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission

Kyriakos Maniatis

Policy Officer, New Energy Technologies, Innovation and Clean Coal Unit, Directorate-General for Energy, European Commission

Nils Torvalds

Member of the Environment Committee, European Parliament

Gabriela Ramos

Chief of Staff and Sherpa to the G20, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Joanna Dupont-Inglis

Director Industrial Biotechnology at EuropaBio and Chair Bioeconomy Stakeholder Panel

12:45 – 13:00**Closing session****Vladimir Šucha**

Director-General, Directorate-General Joint Research Centre, European Commission

John Bell

Director, Directorate-General Research and Innovation, European Commission

13:00**Lunch Buffet**

