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Partnering for the Bioeconomy in European Regions

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Committee of the Regions building, Rue Belliard 101, B-1040 Brussels

Room JDE52

Conference programme

Session 1: Research and Innovation investment in the Bioeconomy

Moderator: **Antonio Di Giulio**, Acting Director, European Commission, DG Research & Innovation; Biotechnologies, Agriculture and Food Directorate

9.00	Registration
9.30	Welcome and Opening Antonio Di Giulio
9:50	Regional R&I investments in Bioeconomy Eliecer López , IRTA, Catalonia region <i>European Regions Research and Innovation Network</i>
10.10	The Committee of the Regions on the Bioeconomy Rogier van der Sande , Rapporteur of the CoR on the Bioeconomy Strategy
10.30	Q&A
10.45	Coffee break

Session 2: Regional and local partnering in the Bioeconomy

Moderator: **Alfredo Aguilar Romanillos**, Head of Unit E2 Biotechnologies, European Commission, DG Research & Innovation, Biotechnologies, Agriculture and Food Directorate

11.00	Panel discussion Examples of successful partnering initiatives in the Bioeconomy in Europe/ smart specialisation in regions in agriculture, forestry and biomass <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Key role of biorefineries Catia Bastioli, CEO of Novamont (IT)• Use and processing of biomass and waste Charles Nielsen, Dong Energy (DK)• Industries & Agro-resources Christophe Luguel, biocluster from the Picardie and Champagne Ardenne Region (FR)• Smart use of paper pulp and wood Karin Emilsson, Södra (SE) After a short presentation by each participant, inter-active discussion among panellists and with the audience
12.15	Q&A
12.30	Lunch break



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Session 3: Financing Bioeconomy Research and Innovation investments

Moderator: **Luca Polizzi**, Scotland Europa, Senior Executive – EU Policy and Funding

13.30	Risk Sharing Finance Facility – Opportunities for financing bio-refineries Hans-Harald Jahn , Head of Division for New Product Development, European Investment Bank
13.45	Public financing of programmes and projects in the bioeconomy Csaba Harsanyi , Hungarian Development Bank - member bank of European Association of Public Banks
14.00	<u>Panel discussion</u> Examples of successful private and public financing of Bioeconomy R&I investments Participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enerfish -EU financed project transforming fish waste and tea bags into biofuels Jussi Manninen (FI)• Successful public and private financing for the production of second generation bio-ethanol Giancarlo Catanzano, Business Development Manager, Bio Crescentino (IT)• Private financing of a second generation biorefinery Stefan Sundman, Kaukas (FI)• Angel investors in the Bioeconomy Günter Festel (CH) After a short presentation by each participant, inter-active discussion among panellists and with the audience
15.00	Q&A
15.15	Smart specialisation platforms/ Regiostars award – Bioeconomy category Mathieu Fichter , DG Regio, Unit D.2., Thematic coordination, innovation
15.25	Closing remarks Antonio Di Giulio
15.30	End of conference

Overview of objectives of the conference:

The recently adopted Commission Communication "Innovating for Sustainable Growth: A Bioeconomy for Europe" provides a strategy and action plan that build on research, innovation and investments based on better utilisation of local biological resources. This can only become a reality if stakeholders and investors at local and regional level implement it through successful partnering initiatives.

The conference organised in cooperation with the Committee of the Regions (CoR) aims at fostering the active role of regions for the implementation of the bioeconomy strategy throughout Europe. The event will offer a discussion platform providing information and highlighting opportunities for regional stakeholders concerning local initiatives and investment possibilities in the bioeconomy research and innovation areas. The conference is scheduled the day after the CoR-REGIO Open Days, in order to facilitate the participation of a broad range of regional stakeholders.