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1. Developments since the 1th Stakeholder Conference was held in Copenhagen 26-28 March 2012

- The Copenhagen conference and the following declaration emphasized the importance of partnering between all stakeholders
- Many countries incl. the Nordic Countries have started working with strategies and / specific initiatives
- The Nordic Countries have started:
 - the Arctic Bioeconomy project (utilisation of biological resources and food security in the Arctic)
 - are currently discussing a Nordic Bioeconomy Initiative



1. Developments since 2012, continued...

- A new Danish growth plan with a specific focus on the biobased economy and Danish potentials (use of biomass, development of markets for biobased products, development of supply chains, identifying imperfect regulations, test and pilot projects, resource efficiency, waste)
- A cross ministerial body was created in april 2012



2. Progress is still very slow. Why?

- The Bioeconomy challenge is wide and complex
- The Bioeconomy are including many different policies and conflicting interests (managing natural resources vs. creating jobs and growth and energy vs. other kinds of use)
- Lack of a common vision and lack of coherent policies
- Lack of understanding and back up by the stakeholders (food vs feed, GMO's, sustainability)
- Lack of economic evidence and fear of large scale subsidies



3. What remains to be done.

- Get started
- The Bioeconomy should be seen more clearly within the Green Growth strategies
- The Bioeconomy is about smart and efficient policies (sustainable and inclusive growth)
- We need a more informed dialogue between science, society and policy making
- We need to be provided with reliable insight into the benefits and risks
- We need to accept that the basis for the Bioeconomy is the primary sectors. That fact should be taken into account when resources for R&D are allocated



3. What remains to be done, continued...

- We need a common and accepted vision and we need alignment of strategies, programmes and other initiatives
- Different structures and national priorities should not hinder increased cooperation between the European Countries.
- The Commission and the MS must describe how we can align national and EU R&D programmes (H2020 calls, JPIs, PPPs, KICs, EIPs, ERA-NETs....)



3. What remains to be done, continued...

- R&D must be supported by coherent policies (Research, Agriculture, Fisheries, Energy, Health, Employment...)
- Good cases must be exposed.
It must be shown how the Bioeconomy contributes to the objectives of the Europe 2020 flagship initiatives
- Political focus is needed.



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Thank You for your attention.

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