

Bioeconomy Strategic Working Group

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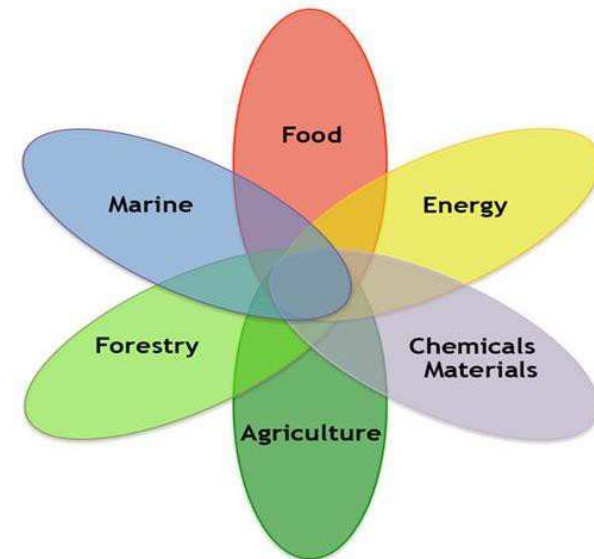
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- Strategic working group under SCAR
- Looking for added value for Bioeconomy
- Broad definition of Bioeconomy:
all production and all consumption of biomass
- New mandate Dec. 2016, for 2.5 years
(preparation for third mandate ongoing)
- Average 3 meetings per year
- 30 people, 18 countries and EC, BBI JU SRG, JRC
(+ invited participants from other relevant initiatives/institutions, e.g. the FAO)



Highlights

- MS needs for new Bioeconomy strategy
 - technical note + policy brief
- Synergies between Bioeconomy and circular economy
 - technical note
- Bioeconomy and CAP reform
 - letter on CAP reform
- Themes, instruments, tools and measures to bring the European Bioeconomy forward under Horizon Europe
 - Strategic Knowledge and Innovation Agenda (SKIA)

Highlights

- Overview of existing indicators to monitor and assess Bioeconomy at EU and MS level
 - Bioeconomy monitoring study
- State of play of Central and Eastern Europe's bioeconomies
 - Study of the nova-Institute
- Support to the creation of bioeconomy clusters in Central and Eastern Europe
 - Joint workshop with BBI SRG and BIOEAST
- Implementation of EC's Policy Support Facility
 - Joint workshops with EC and BIOEAST

Upcoming events

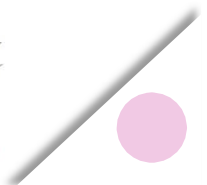
Next workshop:

**Facilitating development of bioeconomy policy support –
needs and gaps**

3 May 2019, 09.00 – 16.30 h, Permanent Representation of
Hungary, Rue de Trèves 92-98, Brussels

Please **register by 25th April** at

<https://services.ptj.de/forms/psf-workshop>



Key elements of the SKIA: visions and goals with related actions



Policy brief: Future of the European Bioeconomy Strategy

- **The need for a new or updated bioeconomy strategy and action plan from the perspective of SCAR Bioeconomy Strategy WG (BSW)**
 - ... the **existence of a well-developed bioeconomy strategy of the European Commission is of crucial importance** [...].
 - [...] we require a **systematic approach** that highlights the need for a discussion of the bioeconomy's role and its relevance **in the overall policy landscape**.
 - The SCAR BSW suggests that a revised Bioeconomy Strategy should **place greater emphasis on the need for the sustainable production and use of biomass within the bioeconomy** (employment being an important issue to take into account), **the role of the regional dimension** of the bioeconomy, and the **important contribution the bioeconomy can make in combating and adapting to climate change** (in terms of both impact and mitigation, as well as in terms of achieving biodiversity goals).
 - [...] through innovation; enabling technologies and engineering; smart environmental solutions; greater efficiency; social innovation.
 - **In short [...] we need to revise the current European Bioeconomy Strategy**

Technical note: Added value of Bioeconomy and Circular Economy synergies

- The BSW sees **clear overlaps between the two concepts and highlights the need for a coordinated implementation** [...] in order to make full use of the potential synergies and the shared policy drivers, goals, barriers and strategies.
- [...] Circular Economy and Bioeconomy are **complementary and can benefit from each other** as they both address the three pillars of sustainability.
- Both concepts **mutually reinforce each other** and developed together would allow the development of a sustainable economy that efficiently uses renewable, sustainably produced resources and maintains them in the economic cycle as long as possible.
- The BSW sees a need to **establish a concept-wise clarity of both** Bioeconomy and Circular Economy, at the European level. **The goals of the Bioeconomy and the Circular Economy should be interlinked.** After this, there would be a possibility for combined instruments, e.g. in research and innovation funding and legislation.

The European Bioeconomy stakeholder manifesto

- Contact with all stakeholders (regions, industry, NGOs)
- Joint Manifesto on the need for a Bioeconomy



Benefits of participation

- Keep up to date with the latest news from EU and MS
- Influence the European Bioeconomy Strategy
- Exchange information with other MS/AS & learn from each other
- Create new knowledge together
- Identify research needs (European and national levels)
- Always very interesting and fruitful meetings!

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