

Bioeconomy Strategic working group

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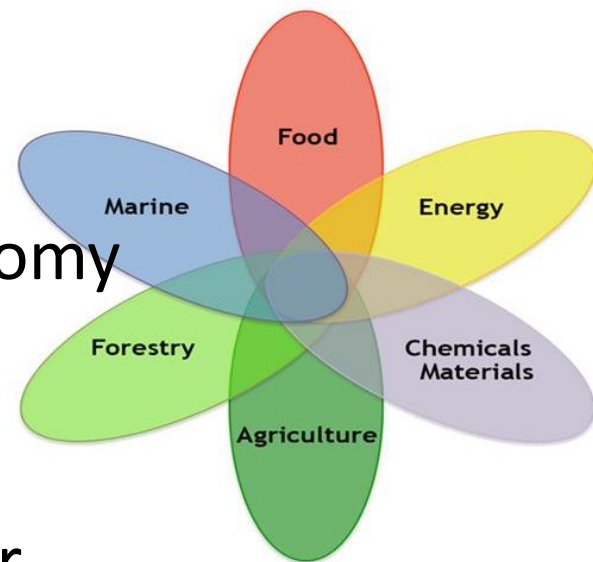


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Bioeconomy Strategic working Group

- Strategic working group under SCAR
- Looking for added value for bioeconomy
- Bioeconomy is all production of biomass and all consumption
- New mandate dec. 2016, for 2,5 year
- Average 3 meetings per year.
- 30 people, 18 countries and Commission, SRG, JRC



Highlights

- MS needs for new Bioeconomy strategy
- policy letter
- synergies bioeconomy/ circular economy,
- bioeconomy and CAP reform,
- SKIA
- monitoring bioeconomy
- Learn from other MS/AS



The policy brief on the future of the European Bioeconomy Strategy

- The need for a new or updated bioeconomy strategy and action plan from the perspective of SCAR 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**

SYNERGY ADDED VALUE OF BIOECONOMY AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY

- 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 to develop 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 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 the stakeholders (regions, industry, NGO)
- Joined Manifesto on the needs for bioeconomy



Benefits of participation

- Keep informed with latest news from EU and MS
- Influence the European bioeconomy strategy
- Exchange information with other MS/AS
- Create new knowledge together
- Identify the research needs (European and national level)
- Always very interesting meetings !

THANK YOU

For your attention

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