

# Bioeconomy Strategic Working Group

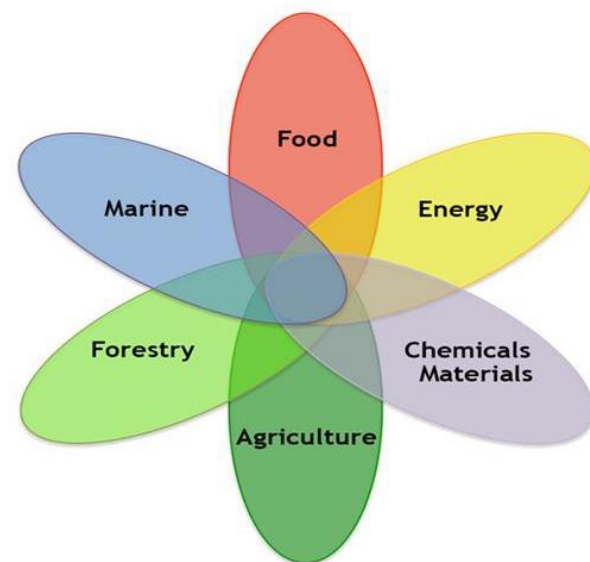
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- Strategic working group under SCAR
- Looking for added value for Bioeconomy
- Broad definition of Bioeconomy:  
all production and all consumption of biomass
- New mandate Dec. 2016, for 2.5 years
- Average 3 meetings per year
- 30 people, 18 countries 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)
- Overview of existing indicators to monitor and assess Bioeconomy at EU and MS level
  - Bioeconomy monitoring study
- Learn from other MS/AS



# 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
- Create new knowledge together
- Identify research needs (European and national levels)
- Always very interesting and fruitful meetings!



# THANK YOU

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