

EIP-AGRI WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIES FOR FARM DIVERSIFICATION IN THE CIRCULAR BIOECONOMY

6-7 FEBRUARY 2019- VILNIUS, LITHUANIA



PROGRAMME

EIP-AGRI Workshop: Opportunities for farm diversification in the circular bioeconomy

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Vilnius, Lithuania

Day 1: Wednesday 6 February 2019

12:00 – 12:30 **Welcome lunch** - Restaurant Riverside (in the hotel)

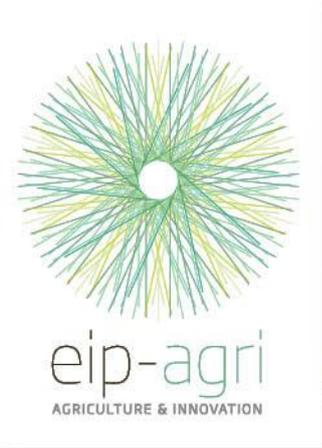
12:30 – 13:00 **Registration**

13:00 – 13:50 **Welcome & introduction**

- **Ms. Sarah Watson**, *Lead facilitator*. Warm up: who is in the room?
- **Mr. Darius Liutikas**, *Vice-minister - Ministry of Agriculture of Lithuania*. Welcome to Lithuania
- **Mr. Alberto D'Avino**, *European Commission DG AGRI*. Introduction to DG AGRI and EIP-AGRI activities
- Interviews with:
 - **Mr. Paolo Mantovi**, *EIP-AGRI Operational Group representative*
 - **Ms. Efthymia Alexopoulou**, *Researcher*
 - **Mr. James Gaffey**, *BBI project representative*
- Introducing the event programme and the Open Space opportunity, **Ms. Sarah Watson**

13:50 – 14:20 **Presentations**

- **Mr. Liutauras Guobys**, *European Commission DG RTD*. Introduction to the EU bio-economy strategy,
- **Mr. Jose Ruiz ESPI**, *European Commission DG AGRI*. Feedback on a workshop for policy makers on the integration of primary producers in the bio-economy,
- **Ms. Laura Jalasjoki**, *ENRD Contact Point*. State of play on the ENRD Thematic Group on the bio-economy,



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14:20 – 14:40 **The Bio-economy - a challenge and an opportunity for farmers**

- **Mr. Kevin O'Connor**, *Chairperson Scientific Committee BBIJU*. Utilising relevant case studies to highlight practical opportunities for diversification into the bio-economy, focused on the farmer's perspective.

14:45 – 15:45 **Presentations of four projects to highlight the broad variety of work being undertaken under the circular bio-economy theme**

- **Mr. Johan Sanders**, *CEO of Sannovations* - Developer of small-scale bio-economy systems.
- **Ms. Lucrezia Lamastra**, *Researcher at Università Cattolica Del Sacro Cuore* - involved in two Operational Groups.
- **Mr. Fernando Sebastián Nogués**, *Coordinator of AGROINLOG* - H2020 project
- **Ms. Tuula Raukola** - Involved in various innovative projects in circular bio-economy in Finland

Q&A session with each presenter in a room corner. Participants choose which project they'd like to find out more about.

15:45 – 15:50 Introducing the break-out session

15:50 – 16:20 **Coffee break**

16:25 – 17:45 **Break-out session**

Which **opportunities** can farmers and foresters pursue when diversifying into the bio-economy?

Each breakout starts with a relevant presentation showcasing their project (10 mins):

- **Livestock Farming: Mr. James Gaffey** – Scientific Coordinator on the H2020 Biobased Industries Joint Undertaking (BBI JU) project ICT-BIOCHAIN, focused on developing efficient biomass supply chains for sustainable chemical bio-economy regions.
- **Arable Farming: Ms. Anna Trettenero** – A farmer herself she runs a biogas plant in cooperation with other arable farmers in Italy.
- **Permanent Crops: Mr. Tomáš Fénix** – He runs an organic family fruit and wine farm in southern Moravia, testing various circular bio-economy initiatives on his farm.
- **Forestry: Mr. Bernard Carey** – involved in the Operational Group Biomass to Biochar for Farm Bio-economy (BBFB) in Ireland.



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The session continues with facilitated discussion addressing specific questions:

First, as a whole room identify:

What by-products or processes could we add value to and what could they be turned in to?

Individual tables choose one by-product/process (a table can deal with more than one if time allows)

1. What technology, other innovations or support are needed to bring your product or process to market?
2. Which business structure would work best for this product or process?
 - Individual farm/forestry enterprise or local holdings collaborating
 - Farmers/foresters collaborating at a regional or national level
 - Partnering with industry

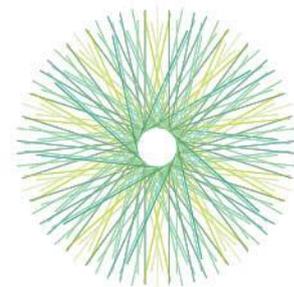
Harvesting the results of the break-out session.

17:45 – 18:00 Wrap-up of the first day

18:55 **Meet in the hotel lobby at 18:55** and departure by bus to the National Museum Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania.

- Visit of the museum
- Networking dinner

Return to hotel by bus around 23:00



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Day 2: Thursday 7 February 2019

8:30 – 9:00 **Registration**

9:00 – 9:30 Feedback from the previous day and introduction to day two

9:35 – 10:35 **Break-out session**

What are the innovations needed to develop business models that are working or could work for the circular bio-economy?

Utilising the products discussed/developed in the first Break-out, this session will facilitate a discussion addressing the following questions for the associated business model.

1. What are the challenges you would face when developing the business structure needed to enable this enterprise?
2. What solutions would help you to overcome these challenges?
3. What steps would you now take to implement the business structure required and start your enterprise?

10:35 – 11:00 **Coffee break**

11:05 – 11:25 Understanding of the shared outcomes of the breakout session.

11:25 – 11:45 As a group identify the questions to be taken forward for the open space discussions

11:45 – 12:30 **Open space discussions**

- Groups to work together to **innovate, share expertise and identify practical solutions** to the challenges raised by the participants themselves
- Interview panel with one representative from each open space group

12:30 – 12:40 Open floor - feedback from some of the open space discussions

12:40 – 13:00 **Wrap-up and conclusions**

Review the two days and focus on any next steps that are going to be taken

Closing words

13:00 **Lunch and farewell**