

Programme 'Building Networks' Online Workshop

Background

The workshop will take place within the framework of the BMBF funding measure 'Agricultural Systems of the Future' (AdZ). This research programme includes eight projects and a central coordination office (further information about the projects on our [website](#))

Hosted by	BIOVOICES and the Agricultural Systems of the Future Coordination Office
Overall aim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Inform stakeholders about current developments of bioeconomy on the European level → Link the projects funded under Agricultural Systems of the Future to ongoing initiatives and projects on the European level, and initiate new networks → Define action tasks for the formation of networks as a component of wider strategic development (starting point for an ongoing process)
Date / time	03.09.2020 / 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm (CEST)
Duration / location	2.5 hours / Online workshop
Target participants	Staff of the AdZ projects

	Welcome Short introduction, programme of the online workshop	2:00 pm
Content session	Policy perspective: Exchange on current developments in bioeconomy policy at the European level 1. Dr. Peter Wehrheim , Head of Unit 'Food Systems and Bio-Economy' at the European Commission, DG Research & Innovation <i>Presenting:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>The EU's Bioeconomy Strategy and the links to the European Green Deal and the EU Research Framework Programme Horizon Europe.</i> – <i>What role does a sustainable and circular bioeconomy play, with respect to the agricultural systems of the future, and what contribution can research make?</i> 	10-15 min
	Research perspective: Exchange on current developments in bioeconomy research at the European level 2. Dr. Jill Ebert , National Contact Point Life Sciences/Bioeconomy (NKS Bioökonomie) Mareike Schmitt , KoWi, the 'Association for the Promotion of European and International Cooperation in Science e.V.' <i>Presenting:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>From programme to project (e.g. process, participation)</i> – <i>Players in Brussels</i> – <i>Recommendations for effective networking and application for funding (e.g. possibilities, requirements)</i> 	10 min
	Time for questions	10-15 min
	Perspectives of farmers and interest groups: How stakeholders act at the international level <u>Policy networks</u> 3. Chiara Pocaterra , Head of Projects Department at APRE, Agency for the Promotion of European Research; BIOVOICES Project –	20 min

	<p>Bioeconomy for a Sustainable World (bioeconomy network) Susanna Albertini, European Bioeconomy Network EuBioNet; BIOVOICES Project – Bioeconomy for a Sustainable World</p> <p><i>Presenting:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>European networks and their benefits, and how to achieve effective communication/cooperation</i> <p><u>Farmer/user perspectives</u></p> <p>4. Udo Hemmerling, Deputy Secretary General of the German Farmers' Association, COPA-COGECA.</p> <p><i>Presenting:</i></p> <p><i>How the agricultural policy machinery functions at European level: a farmers' perspective</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>How to get a cross-cutting issue like bioeconomy onto a political agenda</i> – <i>Comments on the European Green Deal / Farm-to-Fork Strategy / Biodiversity Strategy</i> – <i>Interests and activities of the farmers' association in relation to research and development in the agriculture sector</i> 	
	Time for questions	10 min
	Short break and time to change into breakout rooms	10 min
Discussion session	<p>Breakout session (please choose the room of your choice) Intensive discussion with input from participants and speakers in four breakout rooms.</p> <p><u>Guiding question:</u> <i>What consequences can we draw from the presentations and what concrete steps are necessary?</i></p> <p><u>Identify:</u> opportunities, challenges and stakeholders!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Room: (EC-Policy perspective): with Mr. Wehrheim 2. Room: (Interface between research and policy and national and international perspective): with Ms. Ebert / Ms. Schmitt 3. Room: (Policy networks' perspective): with Ms. Pocaterra / Ms. Albertini 4. Room: (Farmer's perspective) with Mr. Hemmerling <p><u>Take home points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – What challenges are of interest for us? – Build task force groups! 	20 (+5) min
	Change room	5 min
	<p>Back in the main room</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short statements from the session rooms - by moderators • Final discussion round with short statement of the speakers. 	20 min
	Wrap up	16:30 pm