

European Commission Workshop: Global Investment in the Bioeconomy

Chairs: Szilvia Nemeth & Lino Paula, European Commission





A Bioeconomy for Europe

Using resources from land and sea for a post-petroleum economy



OUTLINE

1. Commission priorities for the bioeconomy

- a) 3 Os
- b) Investment in the Bioeconomy
- c) Review EU Bioeconomy Strategy and Action Plan

2. Future of international cooperation in the EU Bioeconomy Strategy

RTD.F

BIOECONOMY





Delivering on

- jobs, growth and investment,
- a resilient Energy Union and Climate Change Policy,
- a deeper and fairer Internal Market, with a strengthened Industrial Base

by investing in the European Bioeconomy through

- Open Innovation,
- Open Science,
- Open to the World.



Commissioner Moedeas - three priorities - 3 Os





Investment in the Bioeconomy



Societal Challenge 2: Food Security, Sustainable Agriculture and Forestry, Marine and Maritime and Inland Water Research and the Bioeconomy





Agriculture and forestry Agri-food sector for a safe and healthy diet

Aquatic living resources Bio-based industries and bioeconomy Marine and maritime research









Societal Challenge 2 Four Calls 2016-17

Sustainable food security

Blue Growth Rural Renaissance Bio-based innovation for sustainable goods and services









Bio-based Industries Joint Undertaking (BBI – JU)

Public Private Partnership **supporting R&I** for bio-based industries:

Partners: European Commission and Biobased Industries Consortium (BIC)

➢<u>Budget</u>: € 3.705 billion (about 75% from industry)

> <u>Objectives</u>: At least **5 new bio-based** value chains for Europe based on **2nd** generation/advanced biorefineries – implementation through open calls



www.bbi-europe.eu



FEEDBACK FROM BIOECONOMY INVESTMENT SUMMIT (Brussels, 9-10 November 2015) – 'From niche to norm'

Predictable and more consistent policy environment needed for creating stable investment climate (legal barriers must be removed, regulation must be clear and consistent)

Regions and local investment decisions are crucial: the Bioeconomy is not only an opportunity for high-tech or big companies, but also for traditional sectors to reinvent themselves

More education, societal awareness and dialogue is needed to create a stronger interest in bioeconomy investment, careers and 'societal pull'

Demonstrate the benefits of the Bioeconomy: assess efficiency of Biobased solutions through life-cycle analysis, build pilot-plants, uptake in rural areas



Review EU Bioeconomy Strategy and Action Plan



Review EU Bioeconomy Strategy and Action Plan

- -Expert Group established early 2016: to assist the Commission in reviewing the actions carried out under the Bioeconomy Action Plan
- -Inputs from high level conferences (SCAR, Bioeconomy Investment summit, Global Bioeconomy Summit, Bioeconomy Stakeholders' conference 12/13-4-16)
- -Renewed Bioeconomy stakeholder panel; Manifesto
- -Link to Circular Economy package



2. Future of international cooperation in the EU Bioeconomy Strategy



Horizon 2020 *Open to the World!*

General opening

Horizon 2020 is fully open to participation of entities from across the globe

Targeted opening

Many topics in the WPs are flagged as being specifically relevant for international cooperation, identifying upfront the targeted area and partner country or region



International cooperation actions in WP

- General openness to third countries
- Actions related to major initiatives or actions relevant for certain regions/countries results of strategic policy dialogues (e.g. topics related to Africa dialogue, China FAB initiative, Transatlantic Ocean Research Alliance etc.)
- International cooperation relevant topics in calls
- Participation in network of programme managers (ERANETs, and JPI activities)





Future actions in international cooperation

- Review of Bioeconomy Strategy and Action Plan: international cooperation dimension
- Next Strategic Programming process
- Continuous dialogue with international partner countries in existing fora and continue strategic policy dialogues
- Better alignment of research agendas in Europe (EU+MS)
- Better use of multilateral cooperation through launch of a specific International Forum on Bioeconomy (IBF)





Internationalisation of the Bioeconomy:

- -Global challenges should be tackled by global approaches multilateral cooperation
- -Regular strategic cooperation and sharing experience with partner countries having an international stake in building the Bioeconomy
- -From participation in individual projects to programme level cooperation with strategic partners
- -Needs for policy related discussion (development of common indicators etc.) with international partners and organisations; knowledge sharing and launching common R&I actions





International Bioeconomy Forum:

Could be ...

- -An informal multilateral network for those actively engaged in building a Bioeoconomy (not necessarily global...)
- -A framework for reinforced, strategic programme level R&I cooperation
- -A room for policy related discussions (e.g. data, indicators, investment)
- -A platform financing concrete actions by the participating partners flexibility in participation depending on interest in a certain action
- -A body that creates concrete targets and objectives delivery should be monitored and evaluated regularly

For making such a network functional, the existing needs must be seen...





Thank you for your attention!

szilvia.nemeth@ec.europa.eu lino.paula@ec.europa.eu

Find out more: www.ec.europa/research/horizon2020 ceuropa.eu/research/bioeconomy/

HORIZON 2020

INTERNATIONALISATION OF THE BIOECONOMY

Jim Philp, Policy Analyst





- Companies can and do invest wherever conditions are right
- Three key factors
 - Most attractive finance packages
 - Price of feedstocks (biomass)
 - ABOVE ALL: stable, long-term policy
- Some critical European companies chose to invest abroad: we should understand why





ABENGOA

The economic centre of gravity is moving towards Asia



Where will the bioeconomic centre of gravity be?

CNN (2011). http://globalpublicsquare.blogs.cnn.com/2011/04/07/worlds-center-of-economic-gravity-shifts-east/





BP-EBI (2014). Biomass in the energy industry. An introduction. Pub. BP plc, London, UK

Bioeconomy International 2015



"Projects in the frame of 'Bioeconomy International' shall significantly contribute to at least one of the following fields of action of the National Research Strategy Bioeconomy 2030":

- Securing global nutrition
- Shaping agricultural production sustainably
- Producing safe and healthy food products
- Using renewable resources on an industrial scale
- Developing energy sources based on biomass"

Some other themes for international collaboration

- Reconciling food and industrial use of biomass
- Technology and staff transfer: "easy" way to establish international collaboration
- Definitions: necessary for international comparisons e.g. "bio-waste"
- Regulation: many aspects e.g. illegal logging
- Standards: harmonised to prevent international trade barriers









A Bioeconomy for Europe

Using resources from land and sea for a post-petroleum economy



EC Workshop Global Investment in the Bioeconomy

Two rounds of 'World café' discussion:

First round: **Why is a forum for international cooperation needed?** *15`group, 10`harvesting*

Second round: What activities can such a forum undertake? 20`group, 15`harvesting