



**REGIONS
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Welcome to the workshop

Closing the loop: Biogas as a driver of sustainable regions and cities

Date: 11.10.2017

Time: 14.30-17.00

Venue: Stockholm Region EU office

Address: Avenue Marnix 28, Brussels

This seminar highlights how local production of biogas is utilizing waste streams to drive the development of fossil-free circular economy, sustainable public transport, ecological farming, climate smart food, energy security, growth and jobs, and taken together: more sustainable regions and cities. With presentations by experts from different parts of the biogas value chain, from production to consumption, know-how and benefits of the industrial symbiosis around biogas production will be shared. The seminar in its entirety will give an idea of how regions and cities can close the loop and take steps towards a sustainable fossil-free circular economy in practice.

Program

14.30 Presentations

Introduction to the workshop

Beatrice Torgnyson Klemme, Biogas Öst, Sweden

Opening speaker

Speaker invited

How do you utilize new cost efficient business models that maximize your regions potential to create local jobs while building a sustainable society with a circular approach?

Knud Tybirk, Samsø, Denmark

Biogas as a key to food security and organic farming – a new approach to sustainable production of food and circulation of nutrients that build the regional economy

Jenny Ivner & Bengt Nordström, First Vice Chair Transport and Urban Planning Committee, Member of the Regional Assembly, Region Östergötland, Sweden

Sustainable waste management that fuels the future of public transportation

Johan Saarela, Stormossen Oy, Finland

How to realize the biogas potential in your region – examples from Swedish success stories

Magnus Berntsson, President of the Regional Council, Region Västra Götaland, Sweden

15.30 Break

15.50 Debate

16.45 Summary and conclusions

Partnership

The workshop is organised by a partnership consisting of 6 regions; Region Östergötland (SE), Region Västra Götaland (SE), Tartu City (EE), Ostrobothnia (FI), Samsø (DK) and Stockholm city/Biogas Öst (SE).