

BIOECONOMY WG

ANNUAL WORK PLAN 2019

The Bioeconomy Working Group is focused on increasing the influence of regions and their stakeholders in shaping the European bioeconomy. The group aims to build contacts with European policy-makers and to increase the cooperation and develop projects between European regions in this field.

Planning for 2019

Urban biowaste

Q1 (TBC)

With a close link to the European Bioeconomy Strategy and in particular the priority on rapid deployment of local bioeconomies and its link to urban biowaste. The strategy explicitly states that the EU will support “efforts to turn organic waste from a societal problem into a valuable resource for the production of bio-based products”. With this meeting we will explore this further, both through sharing information and best practices on the topic.

Circular Bioeconomy Thematic Investment Platform

Q2

The European Investment Bank is setting up a Circular Bioeconomy Investment Platform under Horizon 2020 and in the framework of InnovFin. The aim is to fill the funding gaps seen by innovative bioeconomy projects through providing finance specifically in the form of debt, equity or quasi-equity. In early 2019 an investment manager will be appointed.

As such an information session will be organised where we will invite the new manager to speak to us and find out more about the investment platform.

Microalgae – sharing expertise and legislative issues

June

This meeting will look at the field of microalgae and its many applications for food, feed, new materials and energy. We will share regional experiences and expertise from working in this field and discuss legislative issues on EU level.

The target audience is regional experts working on the topic, regions with clusters or thinking of developing clusters related to microalgae.

The meeting will be organised in collaboration with the Blue Growth WG.



New innovative biomaterials for textiles

Q3

Knowledge sharing and exchange of best practices between regions working on innovative biomaterials for textiles. Links to the S3 Partnership thematic area “Smart Regional Investments in Textile Innovation” and wider EU policies.

Horizon Europe Cluster on Natural Resources and Food

Q3/Q4

Building on the experience from the ERRIN-DG RTD event on the Horizon Europe cluster for climate, energy, and mobility, the WG will together with the Policy WG organise a similar event on the cluster for natural resources and food. The aim is to bring in local and regional expertise and experiences to discuss the design of the cluster.

Biofuels from manure

TBC

Knowledge and information sharing on research and innovation topics in the field of biogas related to livestock manure.