



## A cooperation hub of forest bioeconomy

Tuesday 20 October, 14:30 - 16:00 CEST

Explore the genesis and implementation of transformative roadmaps towards a circular bioeconomy.

Three regional cases share approaches and experiences in overcoming critical barriers to change while an open discussion identifies opportunities and potential synergies from strengthened interregional cooperation.

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### Introduction

*Inazio Martinez de Arano, Head of Mediterranean Facility, European Forest Institute*

### Regional presentations:

- Basque Country (ES)  
*Leire Barañano Orbe, General manager, Neiker, Spain*
- North Rhine-Westphalia (DE)  
*Stefanie Wieland, Team Leader & Deputy Head of Dept, Wald und Holz NRW, Germany*
- North Karelia (FI)  
*Risto Poutiainen, Region Mayor, Regional Council of North Karelia, Finland*

### Panel debate with audience:

Success stories, challenges, upscaling and opportunities for cooperation.

### Concluding remarks:

- Opportunities for interregional cooperation and networking  
*Roby Biwer, Member of Bettembourg Municipal Council, Member of the European Committee of the Regions, Luxembourg*
- Interactive polling and next steps  
*Inazio Martinez de Arano, Head of Mediterranean Facility, European Forest Institute*

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