

# Unlocking regional bioeconomy transitions. State of the art and ways forward.

co-organised by EFI's Bioregions Facility and German Biomass Research Centre (DBFZ)

**Dates/place:** 28 -29 June 2022, [DBFZ facilities](#) in Leipzig and UPM Biorefinery site in Leuna, Germany

## Programme

### First day: 28 June

09:00 – 09:15 Arrival and registration

09:15 – 09:30 *Welcome words from Hosts:* Prof. Dr. mont. **Michael Nelles**, Science Manager DBFZ and Bioregions Facility - **Roland Daamen**, Ministry for Environment, Agriculture, Conservation and Consumer Protection of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia and Chair of Bioregions Facility

09:30 – 09:50 *An overview of regional Bioeconomy Strategies in Europe. Strategic approaches and tools.* **Stephanie Kirchmayr-Novak**, Spatialforesight (online)

09:50 – 10:20 *Drivers and enablers for Regional bioeconomy, lessons learned at the BIOREGIONS Facility,* **Leire Barañano**, NEIKER, Basque Country  
Q&A

10:20 – 10:40 *coffee/fruit break (20')*

10:40 – 11:40 *Enabling the regional bioeconomy: Lessons learned from EU projects, hubs, and clusters*

- *The role and potential of regional bioeconomy hubs. Power4Bio at work in the Region of Nitra (Slovakia)* **Danka Moravčíková**, Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra (online)
- *Good practices in current policy and regulatory frameworks of regional bioeconomy. Preliminary results from national and EU projects” – The BRANCHES H2020 Project,* **Dr. Alberto Bezama**, Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research – UFZ
- *Forestry small scale rural bioeconomies, through BE-Rural project (tbc)*
- *The GreenHub of North Karelia, why, what, how.* **Katri Rusanen**, University of Eastern Finland

11:40 – 12:00 *Which are the key influencing factors of regional bioeconomies? - Interactive exchange among attendants.* **Laura García**, DBFZ German Biomass Research Center (15')

12:00 – 13:00 *Lunch Break*

13:00 – 14:30 *Unlocking Investment in the Regional Bioeconomy*  
Moderating: **Karen Deprie** - Coordinator Knowledge and Technology Transfer from DBFZ

*The landscape of investment sources in Regional Bioeconomy and how to make it work!*  
**Marco Rupp, Bio-based Industries Consortium (BIC) (20')**

- *Case Study. 1 UPM Biochemicals new plant in Leuna, Dr. **Gerd Unkelbach**, Director, Polymers and Molecular Bioproducts R&D*
- *Case Study 2 Leveraging EU funding in Easter Europe. Lessons from BioEast, **Barna Kovacs**, BIOEAST coordinator*
- *Case Study 3 Innovative financial instruments for Bioeconomy Regions, META Group – **Francesca Natali** (online)*

14:30 – 14:45 *The Partnerships for Regional Innovation. Rationale, Tools and Approaches for inter-regional cooperation in the green transition. **Guia Bianchi**, JRC-Seville (online)*

14:45 – 15:00 *Conclusion and ways forward. **Inazio Martinez de Arano**, Bioregions Facility, and **Laura García**, DBFZ*

15:00 – 16:00 *Technical visit to DBFZ facilities*

- Biogas research plant
- Biorefineries Technical Center

End of day one.

18:00 – 20:00 Bioregions progress meeting (Closed meeting) in Intercity Hotel Leipzig, meeting room Neue Börse

### Second day: 29 June - Visit to UPM's new BIOREFINERY construction site at Leuna

08:00 Departure from **Leipzig Central Station**

09:00 Meeting Point Leuna Tor 6 – Drive to main Building

09:10 Welcoming address from Infra Leuna and presentation of the chemical park

09:30 Presentation **Dr. Rasche**, Fraunhofer CBP on Fraunhofer research in Leuna

09:50 Presentation **Dr. Duetsch** – Introduction to UPM Biochemicals and Leuna as core of the bioeconomy region

10.10 Q&A Session

10.30 Tour of the site with explanations of the construction site and the wood yard (+option- Linde Hydrogen Plant) tour ends latest by 12.00

13:00 Arrival at **Leipzig Central Station**