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Unlocking Regional Pathways for the Bioeconomy



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Programme

08:30	Registration
09:00	Opening remarks
09:10	SETTING THE SCENE: REGIONAL PATHWAYS FOR A FAIR BIOECONOMY TRANSITION
	Opening remarks
	Evdokia Achilleos, Head of Sector, European Research Executive Agency
	“The Bioeconomy: a strategic opportunity for Europe and its regions”
	Sam Hout Ledo, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission
	“Bioeconomy Innovation Regions – From global targets to regional transformation”
	Ulrich Schurr, BioökonomieREVIER, Forschungszentrum Jülich
09:45	FROM STRATEGY TO ACTION: REGIONAL PATHWAYS AND SUPPORT FOR BIOECONOMY TRANSITION
09:45	“Smart Specialisation for Scaling Circular and Bio-based Innovation”
	Jan-Philipp Kramer, Partner Prognos, S3 Community of Practice
10:00	What is BIO2REG and how do we support regions in their bioeconomy journey?
	Denise Gider, Ulrich Schurr, Forschungszentrum Jülich
10:15	Panel discussion with all keynote speakers
10:45	Coffee Break
11:15	REGION’S PITCHES AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE BIOECONOMY
	Regional pitches
	Rhenish mining region: Denise Gider, BioökonomieREVIER at Forschungszentrum Jülich
	Swedish regions: Mattias Drotz, RISE
	Icelandic regions: Katrín Hulda Gunnarsdóttir, Matís
	Eastern European Regions: George Sakellaris, BIOEAST HUB CZ
	Basque country: Gorka Altuna, HAZI Foundation
	External services to support regions’ bioeconomy transition
	› Bioregions Facility, European Forest Institute: Siebe Briers
	› PNO INNOVATION Spain, ToBeReal project: Lara Valentin
	› EuropaBio, PRIMED project: Marcos Jimenez Sanchez
12:30	Lunch
13:30	COLLABORATIVE WORKSHOP: MAPPING REGIONAL NEEDS AND PATHWAYS
	Floor moderation to co-create key needs and action pathways
14:30	Coffee Break
	Breakout groups: Deepen and exchange key regional needs and action pathways
	Group highlights and takeaways
15:50	BIOECONOMY SPEED-DATING SESSION
	Exchange with regions and experts
16:20	Closing Remarks
16:30-17:30	Reception

