



Programme



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North Rhine-Westphalia, Brussels

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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

EU policy keynote

Sam Hout Ledo, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission

Regional development keynote

09:45 FROM STRATEGY TO ACTION: REGIONAL PATHWAYS AND SUPPORT

Strategic/analytical keynote

What is BIO2REG and how do we support regions in their bioeconomy journey?

Denise Gider, Ulrich Schurr, Forschungszentrum Jülich

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, Swedish regions, Icelandic regions, Eastern European Regions, Basque Country

External services to support regions' bioeconomy transition

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

16:20 **Closing Remarks**

16:30 **Networking reception**



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