



Conference on

Sustainable Business Models in Circular Bioeconomy

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Permanent Representation of Slovenia to the EU, Rue du Commerce 44, 1000 Brussels

CONCEPT

In 2015, the European Commission adopted the Circular Economy Action Plan, where circular economy is defined as an economic concept where the value of products, materials and resources is maintained in the economy for as long as possible, and consequently the generation of waste minimized. Undeniably, one of the key sector areas of the circular economy is also biomass, which the conference will also address.

The key objective of the conference is to present sustainable business models and best practice examples of public and private cooperation, investment, research and business cooperation, as well as demonstrating the deployment of sustainable and circular bio-based solutions. The conference will focus on investment and financing opportunities for circular bioeconomy, including best practice examples of business-research cooperation.

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AGENDA

- 9.15 Welcome address:
Dr. Draško Veselinovič, president of the board, Slovenian Business and research Association
Jernej Salecl, Ministry of Economic Development and Technology of Republic of Slovenia
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- 9.30 Key note speech: **Dr. Janez Potočnik**, former EU Commissioner, Co-Chair UNEP International Resource Panel
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- 10.00 Bio-based Circular Economy **Dr. Dragica Marinič**, Strategic Research and Innovation Partnership for Circular Economy,
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- 10.15 Local2Local: A Potential for Bio-refining in Eastern Europe? – **Dr. Blaž Likozar**, National Institute of Chemistry, Slovenia
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- 10.30 S3P -Bioenergy partnership, **Dr. Tine Seljak**, University of Ljubljana
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- 10.40 Building Value Chains in Vanguard Bioeconomy Pilot – Importance of Biorefineries – **Dr. Willem Sederel**, Bio Based Delta, Randstad
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- 10.50 Coffee Break
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- 11.00 Presentation of Best Practice Business Models in Circular Bioeconomy
- Bioeconomy in Navarra Region: the example of CENER Research Centre, **Jorge Molina-Villanueva**, ADItech Foundation – Member of the EU Bioeconomy Stakeholders Panel (ES)
 - Bio-Raw materials for coating in Helios, **Dr. Martin Ocepek**, Helios - coating company (SI)
 - Hydrogen produced in circular economy: a bioeconomy application to the service of people and territories, **Jean Foyer**, GDL (FR)
 - Circular economy in textile sector, **prof. dr. Aleksandra Lobnik**, IOS – Institute for Environmental protection and Sensors (SI)
 - **Jure Vindišar**, National Institute of Biology (SI)
 - Innovative Circular Products from diverse biomass resources, **Bojan Borin**, Pulp and Paper Institute (SI)
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- 12.45 Circular Bioeconomy in EU Strategies and Programmes – **Pavel Misiga**, European Commission, DG RTD
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- 13.10 Q&A Session
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- 13.15 – Light Networking Lunch, alongside a selection of internationally award-winning
14.30 Vinakoper wines
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