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# ECRN - CoR Joint Event

## Harnessing the Bioeconomy Potential of European Regions



The European bioeconomy has the capacity to contribute substantially to green growth, innovation, resource efficiency and sustainable development. As a response to that, in the last years the key objectives of the bioeconomy have been integrated in many European, national and regional strategies, aiming at harnessing the bioeconomy potential. What are the experiences we can share with each other as policy-makers and industry representatives? What are the challenges that regions face and how can we tackle them on regional and European level?

ECRN brings together EU representatives and regional public actors, enterprises, research institutes and clusters from different regions for an exchange of views on bioeconomy governance and collaboration practises. The aim of the debate is to identify successful policy initiatives, concrete examples and challenges to be addressed in the future.

Join us by registering at [ecrn@ecrn.net](mailto:ecrn@ecrn.net)

### 07 June 2017 13:00-17:30

Venue: European Committee of the Regions,  
Brussels, Room: JDE53

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# DRAFT PROGRAMME

Moderator: Thomas WOBEN, Director of Directorate C - Legislative Work 2

## 13:00-13:30 Arrival and Registration

## 13:30-13:45 Welcome and introduction

- Renatka KRCOVA, ECRN Director

## 13:45-14:30 Policy framework for the bioeconomy

- Katrin BUDDE (DE/PES), Rapporteur of CoR Opinion "The local and regional dimension of the bioeconomy and the role of regions and cities", Committee of the Regions
- Twan BEURSKENS, ECRN Vice-President and Minister for Economy and Knowledge infrastructure in Province Limburg
- Miapetra KUMPULA-NATRI (FI/S&D), Member of the European Parliament
- John BELL, Director Dir F Bioeconomy, DG RTD, European Commission

## 14:30-16:00 Building bioeconomy value chains in the European regions

- Matthias ZSCHEILE, the BioEconomy Cluster, Saxony-Anhalt
- Tatjana SCHWABE, CLIB2021, North Rhine-Westphalia
- Bart VAN AS, Brightlands Chemelot Campus, Limburg
- Dominik PATZELT, BIOPRO Baden-Württemberg
- Jonathan GUÉVORTS, Valbium, Wallonia

## 16:00-16:30 Coffee break

## 16:30-17:25 Creating and fostering an enabling environment for the bioeconomy

- Sebastian KEHRER, Bio-economy Council Bavaria
- Flemish Ministry of Economy, Science and Innovation
- Luisa Prista, Head of Chemicals Unit, DG GROW, European Commission

## 17:25-17:30 Closing



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