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The **European Chemical Regions Network** organises an event
with the participation of **Jácinth Horváth** *(HU/PES),* **Member of the Committee of the Regions**

Realising the bioeconomy potential in European regions: policy and practice

26 June 2019 | 9:15-13:00

Venue: Representation of the Lombardy Region to the EU

Place du Champ de Mars 1/3**,** Brussels

On 26th June, **the European Chemical Regions Network** *brings together EU representatives, regional public actors, industries and clusters from various regions to exchange knowledge, and to showcase regional approaches to bioeconomy governance and industrial success stories.*

Sustainable bioeconomy is already reaching a prominent role among the solutions for climate change mitigation and innovative industrial transformation. It is appealing to both governments and industries for its adaptability to local conditions and its potential to reconcile environment and economy. The chemical industry is an excellent example in this regard, with economic share of bio-based chemicals increasing annually. The necessity to shift the environmental impact of our economies is also recognised on highest political level, driving the renewed Bioeconomy strategy adopted by the EU in 2018.

Combining EU wide policy on Bioeconomy with regional initiatives already taking place, the first part of this event will shed light on the role of governance and on connecting stakeholders inside and across regional borders, with the participation of **Mr. Jácinth Horváth, member of Committee of the Regions**. *Regional initiatives are the key to create the pre-conditions for the bioeconomy to become a fully-fledged economic opportunity and the panellists will contemplate on the specific regional approaches taking place in Europe. In the second part speakers from private companies and industry associations will showcase the potential of the bioeconomy to produce real economic value in sustainable manner, regenerating local areas by utilizing locally available feedstock, creating new markets and jobs in practice. Panellists will discuss how regions and industries could step up the developments towards bioeconomy – what will be the demand on innovation, funding and governments?*

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PROGRAMME

Moderators – Ignacio Martin, CIRCE Foundation and Marco Rupp, Bio-based Industries Consortium

8:45 – 9:15 Registration

9:15 – 9:30 Opening
- Renatka Krcova, ECRN Director
- Joost van den Akker, ECRN Vice-President, Minister for Economic Affairs and Knowledge Infrastructure, Province of Limburg, the Netherlands

9:30 – 10:10 EU Policy framework for the bioeconomy

- Jácint Horváth, Rapporteur of CoR Opinion on Bioeconomy
- Waldemar Kütt, Head of the Directorate's Bioeconomy and Food Systems Unit, DG RTD, European Commission
- Tapio Kytölä, Counsellor on Agriculture, Forestry, Bioeconomy, Permanent Representation of Finland to the European Union

10:10 – 11:30 Regional initiatives in support of bioeconomy development

- **Territorial Impact Assessment on the Bioeconomy, Report – Igor Caldeira**, Committee of the Regions
- **Regional policy and project developments for the bioeconomy**
    - Dominik Patzelt, Head of Department Bioeconomy, BIOPRO Baden-Württemberg GmbH (Germany)
    - Daniel Collet, Inspector General, Service public of Wallonia (Belgium)
    - Adrienn Somosné Nagy, Hungarian Chamber of Agriculture (Hungary)
- **Power4Bio H2020 project** – constructing a toolkit to support regions build bioeconomy strategies, Ignacio Martin, CIRCE Foundation
- **Q&A**

11:30 – 11:50 Coffee Break

11:50 – 12:50 Unlocking bioeconomy investments and markets

- Dr. Manfred Kircher, Member of the Advisory Board of the Bio Innovation Growth mega Cluster (BIG-Cluster)
- Roel Haverkate, Policy Advisor on Green Economy, Province of Drenthe, the Netherlands
- Tanja Meyer, European Project Coordinator, Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant

- **EU Research and Innovation Funding for the Bioeconomy after 2020,** Marco Rupp, Bio-based Industries Consortium
- **Q&A**

12:50 – 13:00 Closing