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Bioeconomy in the Basque Country: challenges & opportunities



DAY:
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TIMETABLE:
09:15-13:45

PLACE:
KURSAAL
Donostia - San Sebastián (Spain)

Session aims



- Present bioeconomy as a commitment to the future and a development model opportunity.
- Learn first-hand regional and company cases which have known how to transform and orient themselves to new Bioeconomy based business models.

Programme

08:30-09:15 Registration.



09:15-09:30 Institutional opening.
Arantxa Tapia, Basque Government Minister of Economic Development and Infrastructures.

09:30-10:00 Bioeconomy in Europe: current situation, challenges, opportunities and critical elements for its implementation.
Esko Aho, strategic advisor for the European Forest Institute, Finland.



10:00-10:30 Presentation of the European Forest Institute study "Bioeconomy in Southern Europe" **Inazio Martinez de Arano**, Head of EFIMED (Spain).

10:30-11:00 Coffee break.

11:00-11:30 Innovation and cross-sectoral collaboration in the bioeconomy: potential for synergies in forests, car and chemical sectors.
Matthias Zscheile, Bioeconomy Cluster, Germany.



11:30-13:00 Practical cases of bioeconomy oriented companies in Europe:
Moderator: **Christian Patemann**, Germany. Advisor to the German Government for the Bioeconomy.

- Biological based molecular platforms, Succinity Gmb, and Functional and sustainable bio-plastics, Synvina, joint ventures of BASF. **Lucía Jiménez**, Holland.
- Start-ups: linking companies to innovation, **Timo Tahvanainen**, Joensuu Science Park (Finlandia).

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- Sustainability in textiles, **Susanna Perez**, Lenzing (Spain).



13:00-13:30 Bioeconomy. Transition paths to sustainable society.
Pasi Rikkonen, Head of BioSociety Research Program in Luke, Finland.

13:30-13:45 Conclusions and next steps.
Bittor Oroz, Basque Government vice minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Policy.

13:45-15:00 Networking lunch.

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