



Conference on

Sustainable Business Models in Circular Bioeconomy

23 September 2019, 9.30 – 13.30

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.

Draft agenda:

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| 9.15 | Welcome by organisers |
| 9.30 | Key note speech: Janez Potočnik, former EU Commissioner, Co-Chair UNEP International Resource Panel |
| 10.00 | Bio-based Circular Economy - Strategic Research and Innovation Partnership for Circular Economy, Dragica Marinič |

10.10	Local2Local: A Potential for Bio-refining in Eastern Europe? – Blaž Likozar, National Institute of Chemistry, Slovenia
10.25	Bioeconomy S3 Platform, Tine Seljak, University of Ljubljana
10.35	Building Value Chains in Vanguard Bioeconomy Pilot – Importance of Biorefineries – Willem Sederel, Bio Based Delta, Randstad (TBC)
10.45	Coffee Break
11.00	Presentation of Best Practice Business Models in Circular Bioeconomy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>ERRIN Region 1</i> • ACIES BIO – Microbial biotech company • Melamin - modified melamine resins and decorative melamine films (tbc) • Helios – coating company • <i>ERRIN Region 2</i> • IOS – Institute for Environmental protection and Sensors • National Institute of Biology (TBC) • National institute of Forestry (TBC) • Pulp and Pater Institute (TBC) • Ars Pharmae – Food Supplements Company (TBC) • AlgEn - Algal Technology Centre (TBC)
12.45	Circular Bioeconomy in EU Strategies and Programmes – Pavel Misiga, European Commission, DG RTD
13.15	Q&A Session
13.15 – 14.30	Light Networking Lunch, alongside a selection of internationally award-winning Vinakoper wines