

BREAKFAST DEBATE

# *Building an effective Bioeconomy Strategy*

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**08:00-09:30**

**Members' Salon**

European Parliament, Brussels

Chaired by:

**Miapetra Kumpula-Natri MEP**

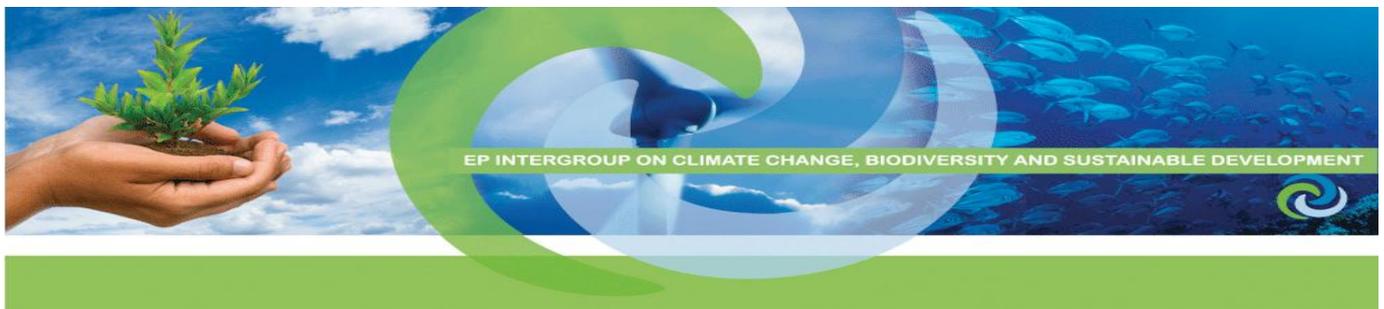
Chair of the "Bioeconomy" Working Group of the EP Intergroup on "*Climate Change, Biodiversity, and Sustainable Development*"

The bioeconomy encompasses the sustainable production of renewable resources and their conversion into food, feed, fibres, materials, chemicals and bioenergy through efficient, innovative technologies. It is already worth €2 trillion annually and employs 22 million Europeans, but holds the potential to significantly further boost competitiveness and long-term economic growth.

Launched in 2012, the EU Bioeconomy Strategy addresses the production of renewable biological resources and their conversion into vital products and bio-energy. The Strategy is an essential element to mark the sustainable transition of the European economy from fossil fuels to renewable alternatives as part of the shift to a post-petroleum society.

The process of reviewing the 2012 Bioeconomy Strategy and related Action Plan is ongoing and is likely to lead to an update. At the same time, stakeholders are working on a consensus view on what can collectively be achieved to boost the bioeconomy in Europe, most notably on how to strengthen the synergies between the Circular Economy and the bioeconomy and what challenges must be addressed to open the way to further contribute to jobs, growth and competitiveness in the EU. In that context, research and innovation will keep being instrumental.

By bringing together policy makers, experts and stakeholders, this event will provide a unique opportunity to have a 360° perspective on what has been achieved since 2012, what should ideally be improved and what to expect beyond 2020.



## AGENDA

- 08:00-08:10** Welcome and introduction by **Miapetra Kumpula-Natri MEP**
- 08:10-08:20** **Jyrki Suominen**, Deputy Head of Strategy Unit, Bioeconomy Directorate, DG RTD, European Commission: Process and next steps
- 08:20-08:30** **Pierre Bascou**, Director for Sustainability and income support, DG AGRI, European Commission: the importance of the bioeconomy for agriculture and forestry and needs for the future
- 08:30-08:40** **Mr. Philippe Mengal**, Executive Director of the Bio-based Industries Joint Undertaking: the relevance of the bioeconomy strategy and the BBI-JU for bio-based industries
- 08:40-08:55** **Joanna Dupont-Inglis/Johan Elvnert**, Bioeconomy stakeholders' views: The stakeholders' manifesto and policy asks
- 08:55-09:20** **Exchange with MEPs and discussion with the audience**
- 09:20-09:30** Closing remarks and video showing by **Lambert van Nistelrooij MEP**