



ENRD Thematic Group on 'Bioeconomy and Climate Action in rural areas'

Agenda - First TG meeting – 25 September 2019

Rue de la Loi 38, 2nd floor, Brussels

From September 2019 on, the ENRD will animate a Thematic Group (TG) on '**Bioeconomy and Climate Action in rural areas**'. The TG will explore rural activities within the bioeconomy that provide the most significant climate benefits, in particular in terms of mitigating climate change - such as reducing GHG¹ emissions throughout value chains, sequestering carbon through specific production practices, and providing climate neutral material and energy solutions for society.

The TG will **identify opportunities to increase and valorise the delivery of climate outcomes** at different stages of rural bioeconomy value chains, in particular using tools and support approaches that can be linked to the Rural Development Programmes and the future CAP Strategic Plans.

The **objective of the first TG meeting is to discuss the areas of action at different aspects of rural bioeconomy** – including production, processing, distribution and consumption – **where it is possible to significantly contribute to climate objectives**. The meeting will also **discuss the support needed to promote and upscale action** in the areas with most potential, in particular with the use of the Rural Development measures.

¹ Greenhouse Gas



Agenda item	
Session 1: Harnessing climate outcomes of rural bioeconomy	
9.15 – 9.30	Welcome – <i>ENRD CP</i>
9.30– 9.50	Introduction: EU climate targets, CAP and rural bioeconomy - <i>EC DG CLIMA - Valeria Forlin</i> - <i>EC DG Agri – Christine Falter</i>
9.50 – 10.00	Setting the scene: How can rural bioeconomy value chains contribute to climate change mitigation? - <i>Catherine Bowyer - ENRD CP</i> - Q&A
10.00 – 10.15	Q&A
10.15 – 10.45	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.45 – 11.30	Opportunities to promote climate action in rural bio-based value chains - <i>Why do farmers act in favour of the climate? - Liisa Pietola, MTK, FI</i> - <i>Energy, Forest and Climate Change addressed by local communities in Catalunya - Elisabet Clota, LEADER Ripollès Ges Bisaura, ES</i> - <i>Q&A - 15 min</i>
11.30 – 12.45	Facilitated exercise to exchange views on the opportunities to increase climate outcomes in rural bioeconomy value chains
12.45 – 13.45	<i>Networking lunch</i>
Session 2: Work plan of the TG	
13.45 -15.00	Facilitated exercise to identify needed support to increase climate outcomes in rural bio-based value chains
15.00 – 15.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
15.30 – 16.00	<i>Presentation of the suggested work plan and expected outputs of the TG – ENRD CP</i> - <i>Discussion on the work plan, possible ideas arising from on preceding sessions</i> - <i>Validation of relevant sub-topics for the TG to work on</i>

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	- <i>Brainstorming on the working methods of the TG</i>
16.00– 16.15	Wrapping up, conclusions and next steps
16.15 – 16.30	Evaluation of the meeting, closing