

## Bioeconomy Highlights at European Forum Alpbach 2015



### Bioeconomy – Panel Discussion

**Friday, 28 August 2015, 9.00-10.30, in German**

The fact that growth won't last forever and resources are limited has contributed to the disappearance of many advanced civilizations. Global warming and imminent shortages in global food and energy supplies call for better, more sustainable and more balanced economic models. Bioeconomy uses living systems that have evolved over millions of years of evolution. This issue is going to be discussed with the following speakers at the Plenary at European Forum Alpbach:

#### Speakers

Teresa Berninger	Junior Scientist, Bioresources, Department Health & Environment, AIT, Vienna
Gunter Pauli	Founder, ZERI Zero Emissions Research & Initiatives, Tokyo
Ulrich Schurr	Director, Plant Sciences, Institute of Bio- and Geosciences, Research Center Jülich, and Chairman, BIOSC – Bioeconomy Science Center, Jülich
Joachim von Braun	Professor, Department for Economic and Technological Change and Director, Center for Development Research, University Bonn
Jürgen Mlynek	President, Helmholtz Association of German Research Centers, Bonn

Link: <http://www.alpbach.org/en/vortrag/bioeconomie/>



### Bioeconomy in Action: National Bio-Economy Strategies in Comparison

**Friday, 28 August 2015, 13.00-17.00, in English**

The aim is to compare different national Bioeconomy approaches (Finland, Germany, India, Italy, USA) and to derive viable trajectories for an Austrian Bioeconomy Strategy. Currently, Austria concentrates its activities in the field of research, technology and innovation (RTI). Initial results of the RTI-WG2 online consultation will be presented at the break out session – for strong political support and social acceptance further steps certainly remain to be taken. Those shall be discussed with international experts and decision-makers lifting the Austrian process on the next level. **Franz Fischler**, *President, European Forum Alpbach* will link the morning debate and the guiding theme *InEquality* with this comparison of international Bioeconomy approaches.

#### Speakers

Mary Maxon	Lead author of the US Bioeconomy Blueprint; Biosciences Principal Deputy, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, California, USA
Sanjay Kumar	Director of CSIR-Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology, Palampur, India.
Ulrich Schurr	Director, Plant Sciences, Institute of Bio- and Geosciences, Research Center Jülich, and Chairman, BIOSC – Bioeconomy Science Center, Jülich
Sara Savastano	Secretary-General, ICABR – International Consortium on Applied Bioeconomy Research, Rome
Jussi Manninen)	Program Manager of the Finnish Bioeconomy Transformation Program at VTT and Secretary of the Finnish Bioeconomy Task Force.
Martin Gerzabek	President, BIOS Science Austria; Rector, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna

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## **Climate Summit – Alpbach**

**Wednesday, 2 September 2015, 14.30-18.00**

In the context of the European Forum Alpbach, the Senate of Economy is going to organise a workshop that aims at stimulating the Paris Climate Summit in winter 2015. More than 100 participants will play the role of national delegates bargaining, making compromises and negotiating during the live simulation. Moreover, the delegates will be guided by climate experts from a broad range of fields such as photovoltaics, efficient energy use or bioeconomy – all contributing to a sustainable economy.

### **Speakers and Experts**

Erhard Busek	Senate of Economy
Hans Harrer	Senate of Economy
Rigoberta Menchú	Noble Peace Prize Winner
Peter Püspök	Püspök Group
Christian Hanus	Danube University Krems
Hans Kronberger	Federal Association Photovoltaic Austria
Clemens Matzer	EcoSocial Forum Europe
Markus Hafner-Auinger	Grüne Bildungswirtschaft
Jürgen Schneider	Environment Agency Austria

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