



Workshop

Developing Bio-based Economy – Contributions and Needs of the Danube Region

October 18th, 2011
9:00 – 17:45

Workshop Venue:

Permanent Representation of Austria to the EU
Avenue de Cortenbergh 30, B-1040 Brussels

Rationale of the Workshop

We are pleased to invite you to the Workshop “Developing Bio-based Economy – Contributions and Needs of the Danube Region”, jointly organized by the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU), the ICA Regional Network for Central and South Eastern Europe (CASEE) and the Institute for the Danube and Central Europe (IDM).

Its major objectives are:

- to discuss and to identify main challenges in the development of a bio-based economy and its implications for agricultural policy
- to develop and propose co-ordinated recommendations for the implementation of the Horizon 2020 - the future Framework Programme for Research and Innovation as well as the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) with a particular focus on the development of a bio-based economy.
- to explore possible synergies and increased use of structural funds in co-operation with research funds in order to support a well-balanced development of ERA with special emphasis on the Danube Region

The outcome of the workshop will be summarized in a memorandum.

The organizers

BOKU

The University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, the Alma Mater Viridis, sees itself as an education and research centre for renewable resources, which are a necessity for human life. With its wide range of areas of expertise it is the task of BOKU to contribute significantly to the protection of life resources for future generations. With a connection between natural sciences, engineering and economics, BOKU is trying to deepen the knowledge of an ecologically and economically sustainable use of natural resources in a cultivated landscape. For more information see www.boku.ac.at

ICA-CASEE

On initiative of BOKU Vienna, 30 Life Science Universities in Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Croatia, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Serbia, Ukraine and Austria founded the CASEE Network in 2010. The aims of network are to support the implementation of the EU Strategy for the Danube region, in particular to strengthen research, education and university development in this region. For more information see www.ica-ls.com

IDM

The Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM) addresses current questions regarding the Danube region, Central and Southeast Europe to enhance knowledge about the region and promote good neighbourly relations. For more information see www.idm.at

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8:30 – 9:00	Registration
	Welcome and Introduction
9:00 – 9:30	Prof. Martin Gerzabek , Rector, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU University) Mag. Walter Grahammer , Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Austria Dr. Wolfgang Burtscher : Deputy Director-General, Research & Innovation Directorate General, European Commission
	Keynote Lectures
9:30 – 9:55	Dr. Erhard Busek , former Austrian Minister of Science and Chairman of the Institute for the Danube and Central Europe (IDM), consultant to EU Commissioner Hahn: The EU Strategy for the Danube Region
9:55 – 10:20	Prof. Markus Hofreither , BOKU University, Vienna: The Common Agricultural Policy after 2013 and its Impact on the Development of a Bio-based Economy
10:20 – 10:45	Dr. Hans-Jörg Lutzeyer , Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries and Aquaculture Unit E4, European Commission: Perspectives for Bio-based Economy until 2020
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee Break
11:15 – 11:40	Prof. Doru Pamfil , Rector, University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine, Cluj-Napoca, Romania: The Role of Biotechnology in a Bio-based Economy
11:40 – 12:05	Prof. Michal Lostak , Vice Rector for International Relations, Czech University of Life Sciences: Knowledge-based Bioeconomy and the CASEE Universities
12:05 – 12:30	Prof. Miroslav Veskovc , Rector, University of Novi Sad and Coordinator (together with Prof. Lubomir Faltan, Slovak Academy of Sciences) of Danube Strategy's theme 4, "Building Prosperity in the Danube Region", Priority Area 7: Development of the Knowledge Society through Research, Education and Information Technologies
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break with Poster Presentation
	Parallel Workshops
14:00 – 16:00	Aiming at the development of co-ordinated inputs into the EUSDR and the Horizon 2020 - the future Framework Programme for Research and Innovation
	A) Integrated Danube River Basin Management Convenors: Prof. H. Waidbacher / Prof. H. Habersack
	B) Future Biorefinery Scenarios Convenors: Prof. T. Rosenau / Prof. D. Mattanovich
	C) CAP and Bio-based Economy Convenors: Prof. M. Hofreither / Prof. E. Schmid
16.00 – 16:30	Coffee Break
16:30 – 17:40	Closing Plenary
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and Discussion of Workshop Results (3 x 20 min) • Discussion and Decision on a Memorandum
17:40 – 17:45	Closing Remarks by Josef Glössl, Vice Rector for Research and International Research Collaboration, BOKU University, Vienna
	Subsequent evening programme (at same location):
18:00	Joint Reception with BOKU Alumni Association sponsored by "ecoplus, the business agency of Lower Austria".

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Conference Presentations and the Memorandum will be available at www.boku.ac.at/bruessel.html