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FOLLOW-UP TO THE EIP-AGRI WORKSHOP ON BUILDING NEW BIOMASS SUPPLY CHAINS FOR THE BIO-BASED ECONOMY

INVITATION

Workshop

What instruments/tools to develop logistics for the agriculture and forestry biomass supply chain?

16th November 2015, Copa-Cogeca's premises, 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

The EIP-AGRI held a workshop entitled “Building new biomass supply chains for the bio-based economy” on 27th and 28th May 2015. The overall objective of the workshop was to foster and help set up cooperation mechanisms between agriculture/forestry and the industry for a steady and reliable supply, and a fair income for farmers and forest owners. You can find the report on the event here: <https://ec.europa.eu/eip/agriculture/en/content/eip-agri-workshop-building-new-biomass-supply-chains-bio-based-economy>.

Six months after the event, we would now like to continue the debate by focussing on opportunities for the agricultural and forestry sector to further develop biomass supply chains. Biomass from forestry and agriculture has much untapped potential in the EU, which could be sustainably mobilised. In order to unlock this potential, we must seek solutions to better use existing resources, increase the engagement of farmers and forest owners, advise them and promote knowledge transfer and innovation, invest in new technologies, and develop new business models.

The workshop will provide an opportunity for farmers, forest holders and their cooperatives, researchers, advisers, and experts from various European organisations and institutions to have a fruitful debate and identify solutions on how the agricultural and forestry sector could better contribute to further developing the bio-based economy.

We would like to kindly invite you to join us for the debate. If you are interested in participating, please send the registration form to Anne-Catherine.Louppe@copa-cogeca.eu by **6th November** at the latest.

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided into English, German, Spanish, French, Italian and Polish.

For any queries concerning the event, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Oana Neagu (oana.neagu@copa-cogeca.eu).

Please find below a draft programme.

Draft programme:

9:30 a.m. *Registration*

10:00 a.m. ***Session I: Welcome and setting the scene***

10:05 a.m. Sustainable and competitive biomass supply chains in practice

10:25 a.m. Lessons learned from the EIP-AGRI workshop entitled “Building new biomass supply chains for the bio-based economy”

10:35 a.m. ***Session II – Solutions to increase the mobilisation of biomass and better use existing biomass in the EU- examples of projects***

1:00 p.m. *Lunch break*

2:30 p.m. ***Session III – EU and national/regional instruments to further support the development of biomass supply chains***

- Opportunities to support biomass supply chains under the new Horizon 2020 programme 2016-2017
- Rural network initiatives to promote the importance of increasing biomass mobilisation in the EU
- Outcomes and recommendations for the regions – ERRIN/ERIAFF workshop “Boosting economic growth and facilitating investments through the bioeconomy: how to build effective regional strategies” (March 2015)
- National/regional bioeconomy strategies and panels – their role in promoting coherent policies and collaboration between stakeholders
- Advisory services and knowledge exchange – how to support biomass producers to build sustainable supply chains?

5:20 p.m. *Closing remarks*



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REGISTRATION FORM

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Date: Monday, 16th November, from 09.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Location: Copa-Cogeca Secretariat, 61 Rue de Trèves, 1040 Brussels

Please return by 6th November at the latest by e-mail: anne-catherine.loupe@copa-cogeca.eu
or by fax: 00.32.22.87.27.00

Please note that due to the limited seating capacity, registration will be closed once the maximum number has been reached.

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LANGUAGE: <input type="checkbox"/> German <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> Italian <input type="checkbox"/> Polish