

DINNER DEBATE

# *Where's the Bioeconomy?*

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**Tuesday 10 March 2015**

**20:00-22:00**

**S0.1 LOW building**

**European Parliament (Strasbourg)**

### AGENDA

Hosted and chaired by:

**Miapetra Kumpula-Natri MEP**

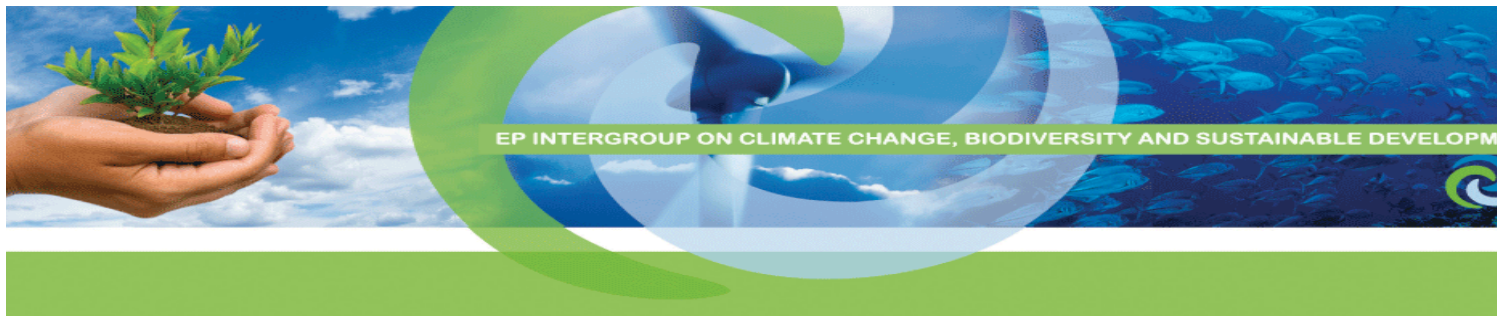
Chair of the *"Bioeconomy"* Working Group of the EP Intergroup *"Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development"*

According to the European Commission, "the bioeconomy encompasses the sustainable production of renewable resources and their conversion into food, feed, fibers, materials, chemicals and bioenergy through efficient and/or innovative technologies."

The Bioeconomy is increasingly seen as offering a unique opportunity to address complex and inter-connected challenges, while achieving economic growth. It can assist Europe in making the transition to a more resource efficient society that relies more strongly on renewable biological resources to satisfy consumers' needs, industry demand and tackle climate change.

This kick-off event of the **"Bioeconomy" Working Group** will seek to set the scene on what bioeconomy is, and to learn and discuss about the opportunities it offers to the EU in terms of innovation, economic growth and social wellbeing. It aims at bringing together Members of European Parliament, European Commission and Member States' officials to exchange with representatives of the European Bioeconomy Alliance and other relevant stakeholders, and in this way build up a group that shares ideas and proposes innovative policies for the future of Europe.

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- 20:00 Registration and welcome drink
- 20:20-20:30 **Welcoming words by Miapetra Kumpula-Natri MEP**
- 20:30-20:40 **Jyrki Katainen, Commissioner in charge of Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness - Vice President of the European Commission**  
*Where is the bioeconomy ... in the EU Commission priorities?*
- 20:40-20:50 **Waldemar Kùtt, Head of Unit “Biobased products and processing”, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission**  
*Where is the bioeconomy ... in the EU research and innovation Policy?*
- 20:50-21:05 **Representatives of the European Bioeconomy Alliance: Stefan Sundman (UPM) and Jean-Marie Chauvet (ARD)**  
*Where is the bioeconomy ... innovation in people’s lives?*
- 21:05-21:15 **Sini Eräjää, Birdlife International**  
*Where is the bioeconomy ... moving into the post-petroleum era!*
- 21:05-21:20 **Statements by attending MEPs**
- 21:20-21:55 **Q&A and debate**
- 21:55-22:00 **Concluding remarks by MEP Miapetra Kumpula-Natri**