

**BREAKFAST MEETING**

# ***The 21st century is Bioeconomy: will Europe lead?***

**17 March 2016**

**08:00-09:30**

**Members' Salon**

European Parliament, Brussels

Chaired by:

**Miapetra Kumpula-Natri MEP**

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

With the participation of

**Mr John Bell**

Director in charge of Bioeconomy, DG RTD, European Commission

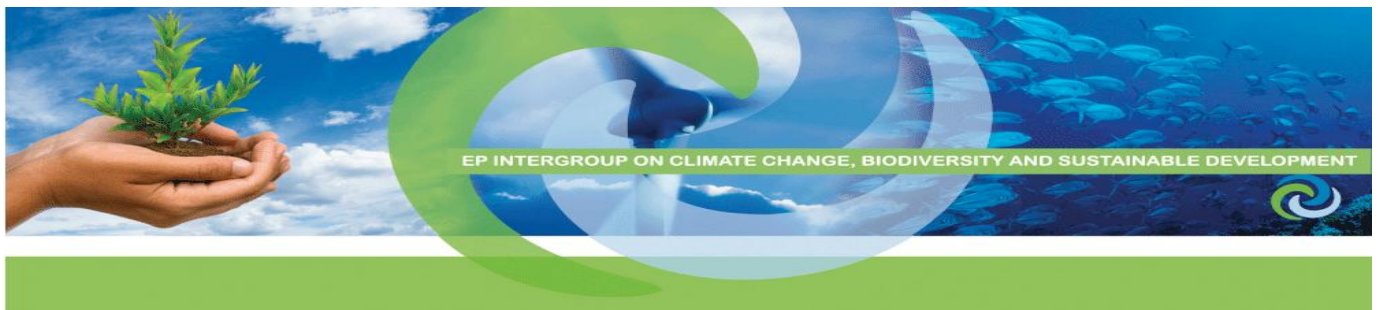
The bioeconomy comprises the production of renewable biological resources and their conversion into food, feed, bio-based products and bioenergy via innovative, efficient technologies. The bioeconomy sectors can greatly contribute to EU objectives on jobs & growth, mitigating climate change, and by being the biological engine of a future circular economy, to the move towards a renewables-based future. However, despite its huge potential, the bioeconomy is still not fully integrated into current EU policies.

Keynote speaker at the event, Mr John Bell, Director for Bioeconomy at DG RTD, European Commission, will give his views on the role of the European Parliament in addressing these and other issues related to boosting the EU's bioeconomy. The event is organised in collaboration with the European Bioeconomy Alliance, whose members from across the bioeconomy value chains will contribute to the discussion with concrete examples of bioeconomy applications.

The meeting aims at raising awareness on the topic of bioeconomy, and stimulating the debate among Members of the European Parliament about the potential of this sector in facing future objectives and challenges.

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## AGENDA

- 08:00-08:10** Welcome and introduction by **MEP Miapetra Kumpula-Natri**
- 08:10-08:40** Keynote presentation by **John Bell, Director in charge of Bioeconomy, DG RTD, European Commission**
- 08:40-08:50** Presentation by **Anna Papagrigoraki, European Bioeconomy Alliance**
- 08:50-09:25** Question & Answers, discussion with the participants
- 09:25-09:30** Closing remarks by **MEP Miapetra Kumpula-Natri**

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