



LUNCH MEETING

The role of Bioeconomy in the Circular Economy

Taking circularity beyond waste

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12:00-14:00

Members' Salon

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The Circular Economy Package is one of the currently most debated files at European level. Stimulating Europe's transition from a linear towards a circular economic model, and closing the loop of product lifecycles are the driving ambitions of the EU institutions.

Furthermore, in recent years the bioeconomy has become a policy priority in Europe, as it encompasses the sustainable production and use of renewable resources to produce every day products from food to car parts. The Commission's Circular Economy proposal must be seen as an opportunity to link the circular and the bio-based economy. However, scepticism about the ecologic, economic and social benefits remains. How can an enabling legislative framework look like, that does not create new barriers and effectively contribute to a sustainable development? Why do we need to think Circular Economy beyond the waste aspect?

This meeting will gather European policy-makers, stakeholders and representatives from the Member States, to discuss and answer these questions and to illustrate them with concrete best cases of a circular bioeconomy.

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AGENDA

- 12:00-12:15** Welcome and introduction by **Miapetra Kumpula-Natri MEP** and **Miriam Dalli MEP**
- 12:15-12:35** Presentation by the **European Bioeconomy Alliance**
Denny Cobianchi, Agnes Borg
- 12:35-12:55** Presentation by **Erik Mathijs, Professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, University of Leuven**
- 12:55-13:45** Question & Answers, discussion with the participants
- 13:45-14:00** Closing remarks by **Miapetra Kumpula-Natri MEP** and **Miriam Dalli MEP**

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