

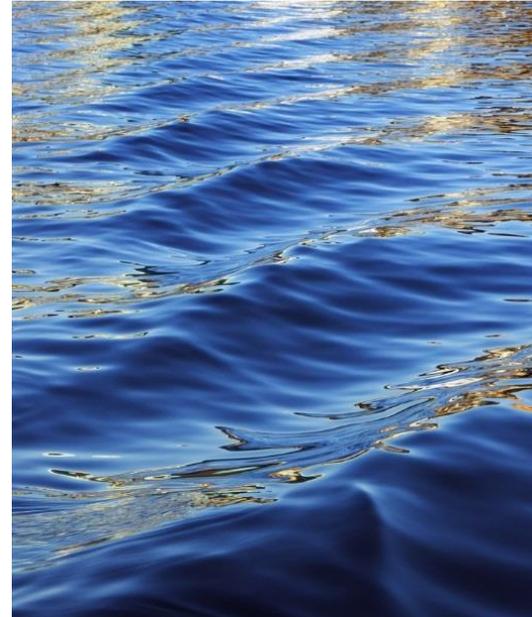


European Bioeconomy Stakeholder Panel Manifesto

BioSTEP Final Conference

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The 2nd Bioeconomy Stakeholders Panel

Composed of 29 members from:

- NGOs and Trade Unions
- Regions and regional organisations
- Technology platforms
- Academia
- Industry and Sector Representatives

Pan-European and representing approx. 18 Member States



Origins of Manifesto

Based on the building blocks from the 4th bioeconomy stakeholders conference, Utrecht

Dutch Presidency process:

Interviews with stakeholders active in the bioeconomy

2 stakeholder meetings in Brussels (2016)

Email consultation with the broader stakeholder community

Breakout group discussions to form content for building blocks document at the Utrecht conference

Recirculation of the document to conference attendees for further input



Handing over of the resulting document to the Bioeconomy panel at their meeting on 17 June 2016

Process for review and finalisation

Creating a **Manifesto**
based on the building blocks from the 4th bioeconomy stakeholders conference, Utrecht

Steps:

Panel discussion on approach towards finalisation:

- Collection of additional stakeholder input to manifesto
- Assembly of editorial team
- Finalisation and circulation for internal and external endorsement



Fully finalised for
'Bioeconomy Week'
16 November 2017

Manifesto Content

Introduction

- Who we are
- What is the Bioeconomy
- Why we need the Bioeconomy
- What is the purpose of this manifesto

Guiding principles

Addressing Societal and Environmental Challenges:

- Resource use within the limits of the planet
- Mitigating Climate Change
- Producing for people
- Sustainable management of resources

Facilitating Innovation and Business Opportunities:

- The Bioeconomy needs a stable and predictable legal framework
- Cooperation between sectors and along value chains creates synergies and critical mass
- Long-term research and innovation agenda
- Importance of regional strategies and rural renaissance

Manifesto Actions



- Enhancing Education, Training and Skills
- Aligning open science and research programmes
- Bridging the innovation gap with public-private partnerships
- Embracing the circular economy
- Strengthening the regional Bioeconomy and inter regional cooperation
- **Raising public awareness and improving communication**
- Establishing socio-economic monitoring systems for the Bioeconomy
- Promoting biomass availability
- Researching and assessing biomass potentials

Recommendations to EU Policy Makers and Member States

- Support Market Creation
- Common Agricultural Policy
- Biodiversity and environmental safeguards
- Invest in the future of the Bioeconomy
- Support frontrunners and innovators
- Establish a level playing field
- Strengthening the coordination within the Commission's services



How is the manifesto now being used?

1. Benchmark of current areas of consensus and contention for the EU Bioeconomy Stakeholder Panel
2. Outline of opportunities and challenges of developing the Bioeconomy further
3. Trigger for further discussions in member states, regions, and rural, coastal and urban communities in the context of global competition
4. Provide input for consideration in possible revision of the Bioeconomy strategy
5. Stimulus for work on future action areas:
 - *Policy coherence*
 - *Regional actions*
 - *Education and training*
 - ***Communications and Awareness***

As panel stakeholders, what did we learn?

1. We see urgent challenges for today's society and potential for transition to a Bioeconomy
2. We hold differing views on the appropriate timeline and priorities of the transition
3. Different members see the development of the Bioeconomy as either a potential threat or as a potential opportunity (or both!)
4. Whilst all members of the stakeholder panel contributed to the manifesto, in the end, not all were able to sign off on it for different reasons
5. Issues of contention included, notably, the extent to which biomass is a limited resource and the degree to which the Common Agricultural Policy needs to be reformed, modernised or simplified
6. There is strong external interest in the manifesto content and in contributing to discussions regionally, nationally and sectorally
7. Agreement that discussion needs to be continued at all policy levels including all levels of civil society
8. Consensus that training and dialogue are essential for transforming society

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Thank you!

