



**EIP-AGRI WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIES FOR FARM
DIVERSIFICATION IN THE CIRCULAR BIOECONOMY
6-7 FEBRUARY 2019- VILNIUS, LITHUANIA**



DRAFT PROGRAMME

**EIP-AGRI Workshop: Opportunities for farm diversification
in the circular bioeconomy**

6-7 February 2019

Vilnius, Lithuania

The circular economy can be an important source of diversified and stable income for farmers and foresters as well as a factor for high quality job creation, competitiveness and growth in rural areas, not least by creating business opportunities based on modern digital technologies and innovative business practices. By adopting innovative business models that make better use of waste streams, including the recovery of nutrients, farmers and foresters can make an important contribution to a more circular and resource-efficient economy in the EU's rural areas.

The workshop will look at the various business models farmers and foresters could potentially adopt to take advantage of the circular economy markets, for example:

- By developing intermediary products
- By developing joint initiatives with the industry
- On their own by developing particular products



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Day 1: Wednesday 6 February 2019

12:30 – 13:00 **Registration**

13:00 – 13:20 **Welcome & introduction**

- **Welcome and warm up:** who is in the room?
- **Introduction** to DG AGRI and EIP-AGRI activities

13:20 – 13:40 **Interviews**

With an **Operational Group**, a **researcher** and an **industry expert**

13:40 – 13:50 **Introducing the event Programme and Open Space opportunity**

13:50 – 15:55 **Presentations**

- **Explore EU and national bioeconomy strategies** and highlight how these can be utilised to support positive farm diversification
- **Highlight practical opportunities for diversification** into the bioeconomy, focused on the farmer's perspective
- **Parallel presentations** followed by parallel Q&A sessions

15:55 – 16:00 **Introducing the interactive session**

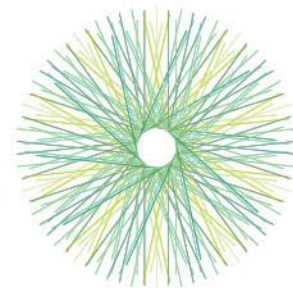
16:00 – 16:30 **Coffee break**

16:30 – 17:45 **Interactive session**

Which **opportunities** can farmers and foresters pursue when diversifying into the bioeconomy

17:45 Wrap-up of the first day

Networking dinner



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Day 2: Thursday 7 February 2019

- 8:30 – 9:00** **Registration**
- 9:00 – 9:45** **Feedback from the previous day and introduction to day two**
- 9:45 – 10:45** **Interactive session**
- What are the innovations needed to develop business models** that are working or could work for the circular bioeconomy?
- 10:45 – 11:15** **Coffee break**
- 11:15 – 12:35** **Open space discussions**
- Groups to work together to **innovate, share expertise and identify practical solutions** to the challenges raised by the participants themselves
 - Interview panel with one representative from each open space group
- 12:35 – 13:00** **Wrap-up and conclusions**
- 13:00** **Lunch and farewell**