

## Boosting and mainstreaming the bioeconomy

### - Science and governance for the green transition

**When:** Tuesday 2 December 2025

**Where:** University of Copenhagen, South Campus, Karen Blixens Plads, 2300 Copenhagen S, Denmark

<b>8:00</b>	<b>Registration, coffee</b>
<b>9:00</b>	<p><b>Setting the direction: Launching Europe's New Bioeconomy Strategy – opening session</b></p> <p>Session is moderated by Andreas de Neergaard, Pro-dean for Science, University of Copenhagen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome by David Dreyer Lassen, Rector, University of Copenhagen</li><li>• Video message from Ekaterina Zaharieva, EU Commissioner for Startups, Research and Innovation</li><li>• The future role of Bioeconomy as a driver for development in rural areas by Jeppe Bruus, Danish Minister for Green Transition</li><li>• The new EU bioeconomy strategy by Eric Mamer, Director-General, European Commission, DG Environment</li><li>• 20 years of bioeconomy in Europe - lessons learned by Christian Patermann, Former Director, European Commission, DG Research &amp; Innovation</li></ul>
<b>9:45</b>	<p><b>The bioeconomy generation: Building a future we can believe in</b></p> <p>Speech by Nanna Koefoed, Research Scientist and EU Bioeconomy Youth Ambassador</p>
<b>10:00</b>	<p><b>How do we boost the long-term competitiveness of the EU bioeconomy?</b></p> <p>Panel debate moderated by Agata Kotkowska, European Commission, DG Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dirk Carrez, CEO, Bio-based Industries Consortium (BIC)</li><li>• Kristian Hundebøll, Chair of the Danish Growth Team for the Future of Agriculture, Food and Biosolutions</li><li>• Carmine Marzano, Senior Bioeconomy Specialist, European Investment Bank (EIB)</li><li>• Michael Brandkamp, Managing Director, European Circular Bioeconomy Fund (ECBF)</li></ul>
<b>11:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11:30</b>	<p><b>Securing the competitive and sustainable supply of biomass</b></p> <p>choose session A or B</p> <p><b>Session A: Can Europe produce more biomass while supporting sustainability and biodiversity goals? (Small auditorium)</b></p> <p>Panel moderated by Andreas de Neergaard, Pro-dean for Science, University of Copenhagen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Potentials for doubling productivity and halve impacts on environment and climate. Uffe Jørgensen, Aarhus University</li><li>• Barna Kovacs, Secretary General, BIOEAST</li><li>• Tobias Nielsen, Expert, Circular Economy, European Environmental Agency</li><li>• Steen Bitsch, CEO, Vestjyllands Andel</li><li>• Alessandra Zampieri, Director for Sustainable Resources, Joint Research Centre, European Commission</li></ul>

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**Session B: How do we prioritise and optimise the use of biomass in Europe? (Main auditorium)**

Panel moderated by Peter Wehrheim, Head of Unit, European Commission, Unit Bioeconomy & Food Systems, DG Research & Innovation.

- How can future biomass use be optimised given our EU economic, sustainability and leadership goals? Examples from national and European strategies. Nelly Azais, project manager, AGORA
- Michael Losch, European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development
- Jukka Kantola, Chair, World Bioeconomy Association
- Jacob Bagge Hansen, Director for Industrial Affairs, KMC

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**12:30****Lunch**

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**13:45****Market Development and Scale-up Strategies**

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**Session A: How do we build a sustainable market for bio-based products in Europe? (Small auditorium)**

Panel debate moderated by Rosalinda Scalia, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Research & Innovation

- Kristin Schreiber, Director, European Commission, Directorate Chemicals, Bioeconomy and Retail, DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs
- Evelyn Reinmuth, Head of the Bioeconomy Office, University of Hohenheim
- Peep Pitk, Chief Strategic Business Development Officer, Fibenol
- Agata Kotkowska, European Commission, DG Environment

**Session B: How does the EU support the upscaling of the bioeconomy? (Main auditorium)**

Panel debate moderated by Andreas de Neergaard, Pro-dean for Science, University of Copenhagen

- James Morrison, Director, European Commission, Directorate Healthy Planet, DG Research & Innovation
- Ben Durham, Chief Director of Bio-innovation, The National Department of Science and Innovation
- Nicolo GIACOMUZZI-MOORE, Executive Director CBE-JU
- Randi Wahlsten, CEO, Matr Foods

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**14:45****Coffee break**

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**15.15****The New Normal: Mainstreaming the Bioeconomy for a Green Future**

Panel debate moderated by Andreas de Neergaard, Pro-dean for Science, University of Copenhagen

- James Morrison, Director, European Commission, Directorate Healthy Planet, DG Research & Innovation
- Christine Lang, International Advisory Council on Global Bioeconomy
- Claus Felby, Vice President for Agri-Food, Novo Nordisk Foundation
- Karl Walsh, Head of Research, Bioeconomy and Codex, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Ireland

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<b>16.15 - 17.00</b>	<b>The next chapter of the bioeconomy in Europe</b> Closing session moderated by Andreas de Neergaard, Pro-dean for Science, University of Copenhagen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jessika Roswall, European Commissioner for Environment</li> <li>• Jeppe Bruus, Danish Minister for Green Transition (TBC)</li> </ul>
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## Social events

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To get to the Old Library and the Ceremonial Hall **take M1 from metro station Islands Brygge to Nørreport** (5 mins). The Library is around the corner from the Ceremonial Hall.

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<b>17:30- 19:00</b>	<b>The Old University Library, Fiolstræde 1, 1171 Copenhagen K, is open for conference participants</b>
<b>19:00- 22:00</b>	<b>Networking reception with finger food at the Ceremonial Hall, University of Copenhagen, Frue Plads 2, 1168 Copenhagen K</b>