

TOWARDS A CIRCULAR AGRO-FOOD INDUSTRY

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Thon Hotel EU
rue de la Loi 75
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PROGRAMME

New opportunities for the uptake of **circular business models in the agro-food industry** are emerging across the world to address **climate challenges** and contribute to the **revitalisation of rural areas**. The event will discuss the upcoming and desired evolutions of the European policy framework towards the **development of a circular bioeconomy in the agro-food industry**.

Time	Agenda
13.30-14.00	Registration
14.00-14.10	Welcome and introduction Vicky Mosteyrin Perdiguero, Managing Director, Greenovate! Europe
14.10-14.30	The EU legislative framework to support circular agro-food systems José Ruiz Espí, Research Programme Officer, DG Agriculture and rural development, European Commission
14.30-14.45	Challenges and opportunities for circular business practices in rural areas Laura Jalasjoki, Policy Analyst, European Network for Rural Development
14.45-15.00	Circular economy as an industry practice: the case of Monaghan Mushrooms Darragh Gaffney, Research and Development Manager, Monaghan Biosciences
15.00-15.15	Replicable business models for the agro-food sector: inspiration from the RUBIZMO initiative Muluken Adamseged, Researcher, Leibniz Institute for Agricultural Engineering & Bioeconomy
15.15-15.35	Coffee break
15.35-15.50	A circular biorefinery concept for agro-food residues: the BIOrescue project Inés del Campo, Senior R&D Engineer, National Renewable Energy Centre of Spain (CENER)
15.50-16.00	Recommendations towards a circular economy in European agriculture Bénédicte Julliard, Project manager, Greenovate! Europe
16.00-16.15	Delivering the Bioeconomy Strategy and Action Plan for agro-food businesses Wim Haentjens, Policy Officer, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission
16.15-16.30	Developing new bio-based value chains through public-private partnerships Pilar Llorente, Project Officer, Bio-based Industries Joint Undertaking
16.30-17.20	Panel debate: Prospects for a sustainable and circular bioeconomy in the agro-food industry José Ruiz Espí, Research Programme Officer, DG Agriculture and rural development, European Commission Wim Haentjens, Policy Officer, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission Pilar Llorente, Project Officer, Bio-based Industries Joint Undertaking Darragh Gaffney, Research and Development manager, Monaghan Biosciences Q&A from the audience
17.20-17.30	Conclusions and wrap up Vicky Mosteyrin Perdiguero, Managing Director, Greenovate! Europe
17.30-18.30	Cocktail and networking reception

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