



The Bioeconomy: Creating Value for Farmers & Foresters

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AgriForValor is a H2020 funded network providing access to technologies and innovations that add value to biomass from agriculture and forestry.

BIOMASS INNOVATION
HUB Ireland

This event will introduce you to the future of the bioeconomy in Ireland. Industry leaders from across Europe will present on the day; outlining how technology can provide additional revenue streams for biomass such as grass and by-products from forestry processing and farming.

The event will not only address bioenergy but will also explore higher value products and outputs such as bioplastics, biochemicals, food and feed.

KEY TOPICS

- The Bioeconomy Explained
- New Commercial Opportunities
- Niche Biomass Opportunities
- Pilots & Funding
- Renewable Heat Incentive



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Hub Ireland LAUNCH AGENDA

8.45 Registration

INTRODUCTION : *Chaired by Dr. Helena McMahon, IT Tralee*

9.00 Welcome & Introduction to AgriForValor
Hartmut Welck, Steinbeis-Europa-Zentrum, Germany

9.20 The Biobased Economy - Ireland: is the Future Now?
Dr. Kevin O'Connor, UCD, Ireland

SESSION 1 : **Bioenergy Ireland** - *Chaired by Barry Caslin, Teagasc*

9.40 Biomass Technologies & Carbon Counting
Paul Kenny, Tipperary Energy Agency, Ireland

10.00 The Potential of District Heating in Ireland
Tom Bruton, BioXL, Ireland

10.20 Niche Biomass Opportunities
Jack O'Connor, BHSL, Ireland

10.40 Panel Discussion on the Proposed Renewable Heat Incentive
with intro from Frank Groome, Department of Communications,
Climate Action & Environment

11.20 Coffee & Networking

SESSION 2 : **Bringing the Bioeconomy to the Farming and Forestry Sectors.
A New Market for Biomass: Bio-Based Product Opportunities**
Chaired by James Gaffey, IT Tralee

11.40 Biobased Products, Markets and Policy
Dr. Caitlin Burns, NNFFC, UK

12.10 Grass Biorefinery
Edwin Keijzers, Wageningen University, the Netherlands

12.35 Wood-based Polymers
Dr. Claudia Pretschuh, Kompetenzzentrum Holz, Austria

13.00 Lunch & Networking

SESSION 3 : **New Value Chains, Pilots and Funding** - *Chaired by Mark McAuley, IBEC*

14.00 New Value Chains: Irelands Opportunity Landscape
Dr. Maeve Henchion, Teagasc, Ireland

14.20 Towards Commercialisation
Dr. Lieve Hoflack, Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant, Ghent, Belgium

14.50 Funding Opportunities
Patrick Barrett, NCP Horizon 2020, DAFM, Ireland

SESSION 4 : **Identifying Areas of Interest for Farmers and Foresters**

15.10 Coffee & Networking

15.30 Open Forum & Workshop:
What next? Where is the Value for Farmers and Foresters in Ireland?

16.30 Closing Remarks