



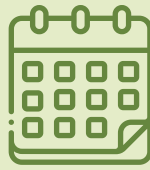
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ANNOUNCEMENT

Join us at the **BioRural Knowledge-exchange Workshop:
Advancing the European Rural Bioeconomy**



Forestry and Habitats



**11-15 March 2024
(tentative)**

Who should participate?

The BioRural Knowledge-exchange Workshop is designed for rural businesses, industry professionals, community leaders, policymakers and other actors sharing the passion and ambition of advancing rural bioeconomy. It provides a unique platform for networking, knowledge exchange, and collaboration.

Benefits of attending the workshop

By participating in this workshop, you will:

- Gain insights into the current state of the European rural Bioeconomy and its potential for growth and innovation;
- Discover success stories and best practices of bio-based solutions implemented in rural areas;
- Explore the BioRural Toolkit, an online open stakeholders' tool designed to facilitate information sharing and support decision-making processes;
- Engage in interactive discussions, workshops, and capacity-building sessions aimed at fostering regional development and the adoption of circular bio-based solutions;
- Contribute to the formation of the European Rural Bioeconomy Network (ERBN) and help shape the future of sustainable rural communities.

Workshop Format

The BioRural Workshop will be held online over three consecutive days. Participants will have the opportunity to attend plenary sessions, interactive workshops, and virtual networking events. The schedule will feature engaging presentations by renowned experts, panel discussions, and case studies highlighting successful bio-based initiatives in rural areas.



Project Overview:

BioRural aims to establish a pan-European Rural Bioeconomy Network that fosters collaboration among stakeholders, promotes the adoption of bio-based solutions, and bridges the gap between cutting-edge innovations and everyday rural life. Through assessments, knowledge exchange, and the development of regional blueprints, BioRural strives to create a sustainable, inclusive, and circular Bioeconomy across Europe.

Save the Date and join us in shaping the future of rural communities through bio-based solutions!

For workshop updates and registration, please follow us on <https://biorural.eu>

Draft Programme

Day 1

14:00 Forest Characterization and opportunities	<i>Cristina Santos National Institute for Forestry Conservation</i>
14:10 Forest protection and management [fire, insects] (North EU)	<i>Āris Jansons Latvian State Forest Research Institute</i>
14:25 Forest fire protection and management (South EU)	<i>Miguel Almeida Association for the Development of Industrial Aerodynamics</i>
14:40 Automation in forest operations	<i>Jānis Ivanovs, Association for the Development of Industrial Aerodynamics</i>
14:55 Follow-up session: Q&A, moderated discussion with the presenters	<i>Moderator: José Baranda</i>
15:05 Closure of Day 1	



Day 2

14:00 Wood utilization in construction

*Kristaps Cepelis,
Latvian Wood Construction
Cluster*

14:05 Wood utilization in structural construction

*Sofia Knapic,
(Forest Innovation and Skills
Center)*

14:15 Technological pathways and applications

*Edvīns Grants
Latvia University of Life
Sciences and Technologies*

14:25 Management of forest residues

*Elisabete Silva and Isabel Brás,
(Polytechnic Institute of Viseu)*

14:35 Follow-up session: Q&A, moderated discussion with the presenters

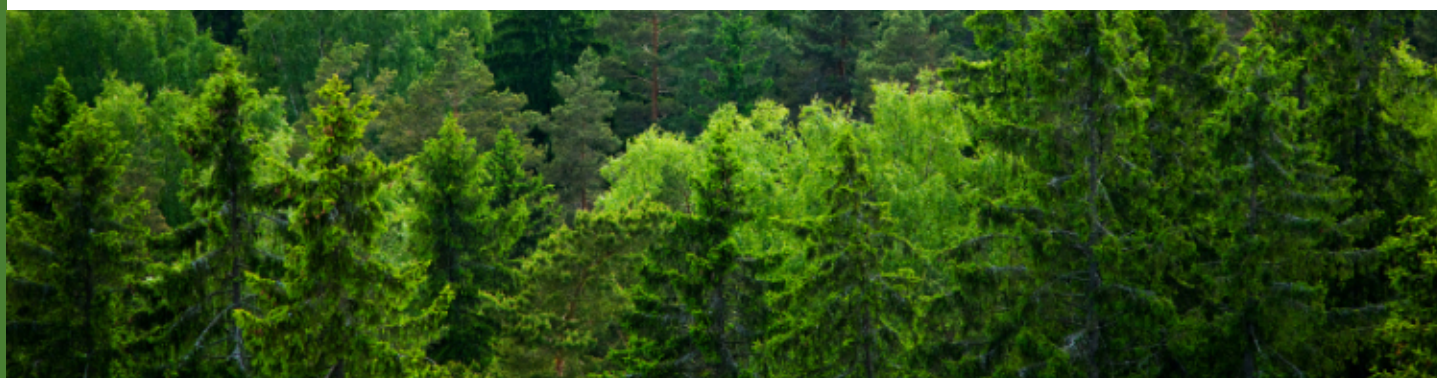
Moderator: Aleksejs Nipers

14:45 Closure of Day 2



Day 3

14:00 Wildlife habitats valorization	<i>Ieva Saleniece</i> Nature Conservation Agency of Latvia
14:10 Certified forestry for sustainable production	<i>Jānis Švirksts</i> BM Certification
14:25 Birch compounds extraction	<i>Jānis Rižikovs</i> Latvian State Institute of Wood Chemistry
14:40 Follow-up session: Q&A, moderated discussion with the presenters	<i>Moderator: Luka Juvančič</i> (University of Ljubljana)
14:55 Closure of workshop, evaluation & satisfaction survey	



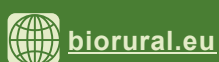
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