

Strategic process supporting capacity building

BIOCLUS Final Conference

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INVITATION

Venue: **Committee of the Regions of the European Union, Brussels**
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The BIOCLUS project (www.bioclus.eu) is focused on the sustainable use of biomass resources and aims at boosting the regional competitiveness and growth in five European cluster regions: Central Finland, Navarre (Spain), Western Macedonia (Greece), Slovakia and Wielkopolska (Poland).



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AGENDA

- 10:00 Official Welcome
Opening Keynote:
Research cooperation in biomass utilization increases the quality and success of R&D activities
Dr. Heikki Malinen, Finland (moderator of the event)
- 10:30 **Greetings of Regions of Knowledge representative**
Mr. Gomez, project officer EC Brussels
- 11:00 **Coffee Break**
- PANEL: STRATEGIC PROCESS**
- 11:30 **Session opening: What BIOCLUS is about?**
Ms. Kirsi Knuuttila, Finland
- 12:00 **Successful Strategic Research Agenda processes in Central Finland**
Ms. Eija Alakangas, Finland
- 12:30 **Inspirative Joint Action Plan processes targets in Navarra**
Ms. Goizeder Barberena, Spain
- 13:00 **International cooperation possibilities and challenges**
Dr. Panagiotis Grammelis, Greece
- 13:30 **Lunch Break**
- PANEL: INNOVATION ENVIRONMENT**
- 15:00 **BIOCLUS benefits for the Wielkopolska Region**
Mr. Krzysztof Grabowski, Poland
- 15:30 **Promoting innovation system/environment in Slovakia**
Ms. Elena Stieranková, Slovakia
- 16:00 **Experience of Benchmarking visits – American style to support business development**
Mr. Asko Ojaniemi, Finland
- Panel Discussion**
moderated by Mr. Yannis Fallas, Greece
- 17:00 **Conclusion of Afternoon Session**
Dr. Heikki Malinen, Finland

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