



4th meeting of the Baltic Sea Region Bioeconomy Council

Date and time: 12th of October 2017 10.00-16.00

Location: Nordic Council of Ministers' Office, Ved Stranden 18, 1061 Copenhagen K

Overall theme: Discussion of the achievements and next steps for the EUSBSR PA bioeconomy

Moderator: Thomas Winther, Innogate

Discussing the themes and actions undertaken as part of the "2015-2018 Strategy and Action Plan Towards a BSR Bioeconomy" (please see attached) and the future challenges and opportunities

- R&D and innovation
- Bio-based business
- Civil Society
- Bioeconomy Policies
- Outreach

10:00-10:10 Welcome and presentation of the day by Torfi Jóhannesson/ Nordic Council of Ministers

10:10-11:00 Overview - results

- Presentation by Thomas Winther summarizing 3 years of actions
- Presentation by PA Bioeconomy project partners

11:00-12:00 Challenges and opportunities

Short presentations to set the stage (10-15 min)

- R&D and Innovation: SDG Impact Assessment process – presentation by Maria Svane/Chalmers University
- Bio-based business: Industrial Symbiosis and regional bio-based business – presentation by Torfi Jóhannesson/NCM

Followed by discussions in 4 groups (2 groups per theme) of 4-5 participants:

- Key challenges and opportunities to engage more with respectively innovation/research partners and the business community.
- Lessons learned from implemented activities and the implications for future efforts

12:00-13:30 Lunch at the Tower in the Danish Parliament

13:30-14:30 Challenges and opportunities

Short presentations to set the stage (10-15 min)

- Civil society and Outreach: 'Democracy Festivals' – presentation by Madis Tilga & Maija Käle/NCM and 'Showcasing Everyday Products' – presentation by Dr. Beate El-Chichakli/German Bioökonomirät



- Bioeconomy Policies: Bioeconomy principles: Five principles for a sustainable bioeconomy in the Nordic and Baltic countries (please see attached brief for the work in progress) - presentation by Emil Damgaard Grann/Sustainia

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- Key challenges and opportunities to engage more with civil society and for increasing the bioeconomy's contribution to realizing the SDGs.
- Lessons learned from implemented activities and the implications for future efforts.

14:30-15:30 Next steps

- Next project period – implications/directions from group work sessions
- The role of the Council 2018 and beyond.
- Other business.