



BSR Bioeconomy Council meeting 4th of November 2019

Place: Zoom-meeting online

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For the first time a Council meeting was held online, and we are very pleased with the outcome. Our goal is not to reduce the number of council-meetings, but rather contributing to reducing our carbon footprint, while make the process more efficient and including for all members of the panel.

After a few technical adjustments, all participants gave a short status on their bioeconomy work in their region.

Action Plan

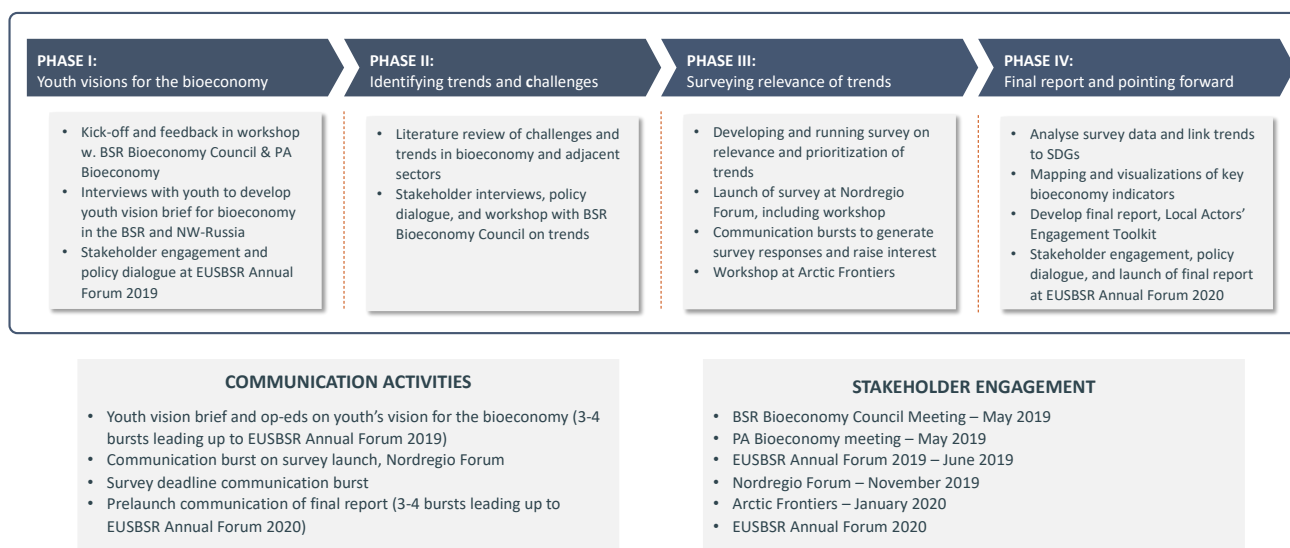
Torfi Jóhannesson gave a short status on the revision of the Action Plan. Before the 1st of November PACs and HACs drafted their contribution. Further, Commission and Bettina Rafaelsen will draft a revised version of the rest of the AP asap. Commission will send PAC/HAC contributions to NC group by 4.11. 2019 and an analysis/summary of them (proposal for Action Plan) by 8.11. A NC group meeting is planned in November and December 2019. Around January – March 2020 there will be internal procedure in the Commission.

Esben Lanthén and Mads Wolff from [Nordic Sustainability](#) presented preliminary findings and gave a status on the trend analysis

The aim of the project is to perform a bioeconomy trend analysis in the Baltic Sea Region and NV-Russia, identifying the most relevant macro trends for bioeconomy in the region. The results of the analysis will be used to support policy dialog within the national and regional stakeholders of EUSBSR and the NCM.

The trend analysis will assess how far the Baltic Sea Region, NV-Russia, and the Nordic Arctic region have come in realizing the bioeconomy and provide an overview of the key future bioeconomy changes/trends. The outcome of the project is a report supported by communication and stakeholder engagement across the project. The approach is outlined below:

Process Plan



Status in November is that two workshops have been completed and the literature review is in progress. Over the next few weeks the expert interviews will be conducted, and by the end of November the survey will be sent out. The panel were also encouraged to both participate and to help us share the survey. For further inputs to the trend analysis, please contact Esben Lanthén ELA@nordicsustainability.com and Mads Randbøll Wolff mrwolff@hotmail.com

Overall, the panel seemed positive and supportive of the trend analysis, and several of the members were willing to contribute to the publication via expert interviews and to help us share the survey. Moreover, the panel gave inputs to the trend analysis, the next project period and the action plan. Overall it was suggested to focus on youth, SDGs, agricultural biodiversity and biodiversity, sustainable business models, connecting networks, platform coordination, sustainable markets; consumption and demand (sustainable consumption and production), national strategies, forest as a solution to "everything", circular bioeconomy, biomass, climate issues related to the bioeconomy, healthy eco-systems, look into the goals of the environmental directive of the EU, need for storytelling, all generation involvement, new proteins and health. Finally, inspiration for the next project period was encouraged, and we are more than happy to hear your ideas.