

Concept

This cross-fertilisation meeting arises from the identification of regional realities, specific challenges and needs within the BBioNets regional Forest and Agriculture Networks (FANs). There are, however, commonalities to be found among FANs based on climate considerations, available biomass, practices, etc. When different FANs come together and network, this can only lead to a greater impact of their work, hence the objectives of these cross-fertilisation meetings:

- Exchange on common difficulties and concerns about applied Bio-Based Technologies (BBTs).
- Outline of breakthroughs and emerging opportunities.
- Capture and promotion of knowledge created by national EIP-AGRI Operational Groups (OGs).
- Facilitation of bilateral and multilateral collaboration among FANs and OGs

Objectives

The first meeting of the Irish & Spanish FANs **wishes to focus** on the following topics (to be decided with speakers):

- **Topic 1:** Increasing circularity in the forest sector through acquisition of technology infrastructure for the collection of forest biomass and/or shared technology infrastructure for its valorisation for bioeconomy purposes.
- **Topic 2:** Identification of foreign regional funding mechanisms to implement so as to boost the valorisation of forestry biomass for bioeconomy purposes.
- **Topic 3:** Specific processing of forest biomass with BBTs for their low-value and/or high-value by-product valorisation.

Structure

Introduction

- Welcome and agenda presentation.

Session 1 - Overview of the forestry sector status in each region

- Presentation of common needs, biomass, current national funding, current BBTs identified, etc.

Session 2 – Panel discussion

- Short introduction of invited speakers.
- Knowledge exchange (short presentations by speakers regarding **Topic 1, Topic 2 or Topic 3**).
- Panel discussion (targeted questions to panellists to enhance further discussion with the FANs).
- Open discussion and identification of further collaboration potential with FANs and panellists.

Sign-up Form

Interested in participating? Sign up here: <https://shorturl.at/4swgc>

Organiser

BBioNets - www.bbionets.eu

BBioNets is a three-year project aiming to bolster biomass reuse with Bio-Based Technologies (BBTs) and support climate resilience through mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions, circular economy and zero waste principles. It is a thematic network that relies on, promotes and further advances the work carried out by EIP-AGRI Operational Groups (OGs) with respect to the management and/or processing of agricultural and forest biomass with BBTs.

Participants

- Irish and Spanish FAN members active/interested in the forest sector and relevant BBTs
- Representatives from relevant projects
- EU-CAP National Contact Points
- Farmers, foresters, Operational Group members

