Co-Creating Policy Recommendations for a Sustainable Rural Bioeconomy

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Agenda

Time	Item
9:00 – 9:30	**Registration & Welcome Coffee**
9:30 – 10:00	**Opening Remarks: Bridging Projects and Policy** **Moderator**: Patrizia Borsotto - *Council for Agricultural Research and Economics* • Institutional greetings: Short welcome by BBioNets (SLRT Lead) – *Ephy Kouzi (FOCUS STC)* • Keynote: EU CAP Network Support Facility for Innovation – Main activities and specific support to EIP-AGRI Operational Groups (OGs) - *Maurine Van Haesendonck* • Workshop Orientation: Briefing on the day's methodology
10:00 – 11:10	**Session 1 – Strategic Project Insights (Plenary)** **Moderator**: Patrizia Borsotto - *Council for Agricultural Research and Economics*
	Group A: Sustainable Resource Management (Biomass, Soil, Water) • BBioNets: Valorisation of agricultural and forestry residues and by-products through bio-based technologies - *Carmen Dominguez (Munster Technological University)* • Soil-X-Change: Cross-border knowledge exchange on sustainable soil management - *Barbara Papai (Innomine)* • AQUAGRI-KNOW: Practical, tailored solutions for sustainable on-farm water use - *Sergi Muñoz Brugués (BETA Tech Center)*
	Group B: Regulatory Frameworks & Enabling Environments for Biobased Value Chains • BRILIAN: Cooperative bio-based value chains for rural development - *Maider Gomez Palmero (CIRCE)* • C4B: Fair business models for rural bioeconomy and by-product valorisation - *Flavia Marucci (APRE – Agency for the Promotion of European Research)* • SOUL: Circular bio-based products and sustainable end-of-life - *Margherita Caggiano (Re Soil Foundation)* • Rural BioReFarmeries: Decentralised green biorefineries for grassland biomass - *Liz Gavin (NuaFund)*
11:10 – 11:20	**Short Break & Table Transition**

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11:20 – 12:30	**Session 2 – Policy Lab (Parallel Working Groups)** • **Table A: The Role of OGs in the Sustainable Management of Natural Resources** (BBioNets, Soil-X-Change, AQUAGRI-KNOW) • **Table B: Navigating EU Regulations: Impact on Bioeconomy Stakeholders & Future Growth** (BRILIAN, C4B, SOUL, Rural BioReFarmeries)
12:30 – 14:00	**Networking lunch**
14:00 – 15:30	**Session 3 – Strategic Synthesis & Validation** **Moderator**: Mara Lai - *Council for Agricultural Research and Economics* • Multi-Actor Roundtable consolidating and debating Policy Lab findings into a unified Policy Roadmap
15:30 – 16:00	**Closing & Next Steps** • Consolidation of recommendations and timeline for the final Policy Roadmap

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