
Bioeconomy: Sustainable and Circular

Presentation

[Panel discussion](#)

Date

7 November 2018

Location

Vienna, Austria

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[Holger Gerdes](#)

On 7 November 2018, federal ministers Elisabeth K  stinger, Norbert Hofer and Heinz Fa  mann kicked-off the process for the development of a national bioeconomy strategy in Austria. In this context, a conference entitled "Bioeconomy: Sustainable and Circular" was organised, which brought together relevant stakeholders as part of an intensified discourse about the future of the bioeconomy in Austria. Ecologic Institute's Holger Gerdes had been invited to take part in a panel discussion, which took place in the frame of the conference.

In October 2018, the European Commission has published the new EU Bioeconomy Strategy. The aim of the conference, which took place in Vienna, was to provide inputs for the strategy process in Austria and to discuss the new EU Bioeconomy Strategy with representatives of the European Commission as well as national and European bioeconomy stakeholders.

In the context of the panel discussion, Holger Gerdes, Senior Fellow at Ecologic Institute, shared insights and lessons learned regarding the participatory development of national and regional bioeconomy strategies. A specific focus was put on the engagement of civil society actors in these strategy processes, and on the effective communication of the bioeconomy concept towards the general public.

The conference, which was attended by around 200 bioeconomy stakeholders, was moderated by Manuela Raidl.

Conference Agenda

Presentations:

- Elisabeth K  stinger, Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism: *Begr  ndung â   Bio  konomie als Chance f  r den Klimaschutz*

- Waldemar Kötzt, European Commission: *Präsentation der Eckpunkte der neuen europäischen Bioökonomie-Strategie*
- Sari Tasa, Finnish Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment: *Bioökonomie in der politischen Umsetzung – Erfahrungen aus Finnland*
- Daniel Barben, University of Klagenfurt, Member of the German Bioeconomy Council: *Bioökonomie in der politischen Umsetzung – Erfahrungen aus Deutschland*
- Michael Staudinger, Zentralanstalt für Meteorologie und Geodynamik (ZAMG): *Keynote – Szenarien des Klimawandels*

Panel discussion: *From concept to implementation – Best practices from the business sector and required framework conditions for a successful implementation*

- Bernhard Egert, Holz Hochhaus – HoHo – Wien
- Rudolf Freidhager, Österreichische Bundesforste
- Holger Gerdes, Ecologic Institute
- Jürgen Schneider, Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism
- Stephen Webb, RTDS Group

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