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Currently, Holger Gerdes coordinates the project [Concepts, Tools and Applications for Community-driven Bioeconomy Development in European Rural Areas](#) (SCALE-UP). Before, he coordinated the projects [Bio-based Strategies and Roadmaps for Enhanced Rural and Regional Development in the EU](#) (BE-Rural) and [Promoting Stakeholder Engagement and Public Awareness for a Participative Governance of the European Bioeconomy](#) (BioSTEP). He is also responsible for Ecologic Institute's contribution to the long-term research project [Sustainable Subsoil Management as Part of the Bioeconomy](#) (Soil³).

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