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International conference *Promoting collaboration for a sustainable and circular bioeconomy*

The conference brings together experts with different professional backgrounds and academic disciplines from across the Baltic-Nordic region to share knowledge on a sustainable and circular bioeconomy and discuss different ways of promoting it.

The conference originates in and is the final event of the CIRCLE project (2021-2024) that aims to develop an interdisciplinary perspective on the circular economy in the Baltic-Nordic region. The focus of the project is on circular initiatives within agriculture, forestry, and aquaculture and across sectoral boundaries. In line with the project, the conference seeks to explore collaboration among different stakeholders, and the factors facilitating and hampering the development and wider adoption of circular practices. Conference presentations address both the supply and demand side of circularity of bio-resources by considering the perspectives of producers and consumers, and also identifying the key policy implications. The conference aims to contribute to the growing academic, public, and policy debates at both national and European level on sustainable resource use.

Key topics of the conference include:

- Circular bioeconomy resources and products,
- Circular business models in the bioeconomy sector,
- Philosophical and ethical aspects of the circular bioeconomy,
- Collaboration for the circular bioeconomy: business, multi-actor and academic perspectives,
- Policies, regulatory frameworks and institutional environment for the circular bioeconomy development.

Date: 10 April 2024

Venue: Online (Zoom)

Registration link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0lduGuqzgtH9e3Xe7AHRKIFzTD-QvqvOMt>

The conference is an official [World Circular Economy Forum](#) Side Event

Conference programme

Time (EET)	Title of the presentation	Represented organisation	Presenter
<i>Moderator: Anda Adamsons-Fiskovica (BSC)</i>			
09.20-09.30	<i>Presenters and participants joining the ZOOM platform</i>		
09.30-09.40	Welcome and introduction to the CIRCLE project	Baltic Studies Centre	Talis Tisenkopfs
09.40-10.00	How to ensure better interaction of policy domains for the circularity of bioresources?	OECD; Ministry of Agriculture, Republic of Latvia	Aivars Lapins
10.00-10.20	Factors enabling and hampering circular business models	Baltic Studies Centre	Mikelis Grivins
10.20-10.40	No such thing as waste in primary food sector	Estonian University of Life Sciences	Kadi Kenk
10.40-11.00	Cascading byproduct use in agriculture, forestry, and food companies: experience from Baltic-Nordic countries	Baltic Studies Centre	Talis Tisenkopfs
11.00-11.10	<i>STRETCH BREAK</i>		
11.10-11.30	Waste and self-awareness in the Anthropocene	Faculty of Philosophy, Vilnius University	Mintautas Gutauskas
11.30-11.50	Narratives of nature in the context of circular economy	Division of Philosophy and Ethics, University of Latvia	Artis Svece
11.50-12.10	The curious ambivalence of working with a boundary concept	Baltic Studies Centre	Emils Kilis
12.10-12.30	Panel debate I (referees of PART I of the conference)		<i>Moderator: Talis Tisenkopfs (BSC)</i>
12.30-13.30	<i>LUNCH BREAK</i>		
13.30-13.50	Estimation and bio-valorisation of food industry by-products in Northern Europe	Institute of Microbiology and Biotechnology, University of Latvia	Raimonda Soloha
13.50-14.10	Assessing the socio-economic benefits of insect meal as a fish meal substitute in livestock and aquaculture	Institute of Agricultural Resources and Economics	Alberts Auzins
14.10-14.30	Prospects of biomethane production in Ukraine	Bioenergy Association of Ukraine (UABIO)	Georgii Geletukha
14.30-14.50	Some thoughts about sustainable food production in terms of circular bioeconomy	Polli Horticultural Research Centre	Reelika Rätsep
14.50-15.00	<i>STRETCH BREAK</i>		
15.00-15.20	Status quo of the Norwegian Circular Economy: A dissemination of the Circularity Gap Report	Circular Norway	Ellen Anette Høvik
15.20-15.40	Investigating cross-sectoral flows of bioresource residues in the Baltic-Nordic region	Institute for Rural and Regional Research RURALIS	Pia Piroshka Otte
15.40-16.00	Consumer perspective on the circular economy: Practices, motivations, and challenges	Vilnius University	Renata Bikauskaite
16.00-16.20	Circular economy initiatives and practices in the Baltic-Nordic region: Excerpts from the CIRCLE project's policy briefs	Institute for Rural and Regional Research RURALIS	Jostein Brobakk
16.20-16.30	Panel debate II (referees of PART II of the conference)		<i>Moderator: Mikelis Grivins (BSC)</i>
16.30-16.45	Closing remarks		

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