



Join us at the **BioRural Knowledge-exchange Workshop:** **Advancing the European Rural Bioeconomy**



Workshop 4:
**Forestry and
Habitats**



12-14 March 2024
Online event

Register
here or



Who should participate?

The BioRural Knowledge-exchange Workshop is designed for rural businesses, industry professionals, community leaders, policymakers and other actors sharing the passion and ambition of advancing rural bioeconomy. It provides a unique platform for networking, knowledge exchange, and collaboration.

Benefits of attending the workshop

By participating in this workshop, you will:

- Gain insights into the current state of the European rural Bioeconomy and its potential for growth and innovation;
- Discover success stories and best practices of bio-based solutions implemented in rural areas;
- Explore the BioRural Toolkit, an online open stakeholders' tool designed to facilitate information sharing and support decision-making processes;
- Engage in interactive discussions, workshops, and capacity-building sessions aimed at fostering regional development and the adoption of circular bio-based solutions;
- Contribute to the formation of the European Rural Bioeconomy Network (ERBN) and help shape the future of sustainable rural communities.

Workshop Format

The BioRural Workshop will be held online over three consecutive days. Participants will have the opportunity to attend plenary sessions, interactive workshops, and virtual networking events. The schedule will feature engaging presentations by renowned experts, panel discussions, and case studies highlighting successful bio-based initiatives in rural areas.



Project Overview:

BioRural aims to establish a pan-European Rural Bioeconomy Network that fosters collaboration among stakeholders, promotes the adoption of bio-based solutions, and bridges the gap between cutting-edge innovations and everyday rural life. Through assessments, knowledge exchange, and the development of regional blueprints, BioRural strives to create a sustainable, inclusive, and circular Bioeconomy across Europe.

Save the Date and join us in shaping the future of rural communities through bio-based solutions!

For workshop updates and registration, please follow us on <https://biorural.eu>

Draft Programme

Day 1 - Basic concept(s), technical principles (12 March 2024)

14:00 Forest Characterization and opportunities	<i>Valters Samariks</i> (Latvian State Forest Research Institute "Silava")
14:15 Forest protection and management [fire, insects] (North EU)	<i>Āris Jansons</i> (Latvian State Forest Research Institute "Silava")
14:30 Forest fire protection and management (South EU)	<i>Miguel Almeida</i> (Association for the Development of Industrial Aerodynamics)
14:45 Automation in forest operations	<i>Jānis Ivanovs</i> (Latvian State Forest Research Institute "Silava")
15:00 Follow-up session: Q&A, moderated discussion with the presenters	<i>Moderator: José Baranda</i> University of Coimbra
15:15 Closure of Day 1	

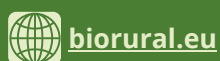


Day 2 - Showcase of good practices, factors of success (13 March 2024)

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| 14:00 Wood utilization in construction | <i>Kristaps Cepelis,
(Latvian Wood Construction Cluster)</i> |
| 14:15 The advantages and disadvantages of structural wood usage | <i>André Dias,
(SerQ – Forests Innovation and Competences Center)</i> |
| 14:30 Challenges and Perspectives of Timber Utilization | <i>Anna Andersone
(Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies)</i> |
| 14:45 Management of forest residues | <i>Elisabete Silva and Isabel Brás,
(Polytechnic Institute of Viseu)</i> |
| 15:00 Follow-up session: Q&A, moderated discussion with the presenters | <i>Moderator: Aleksejs Nipers
(LBTU)</i> |
| 15:15 Closure of Day 2 | |



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Day 3 - Cross-cutting themes (14 March 2024)

14:00 Biodiversity conservation in private forests of Latvia: involvement of landowners.

Ģirts Baranovskis
(Nature Conservation Agency of Latvia)

14:20 PEFC certification in Latvia

Līga Jansone
(Latvian State Forest Research Institute "Silava")

14:40 Certified forestry for sustainable production - The Portuguese Case Study

Raquel Martinho
(Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification)

15:00 Birch bark extractives and their potential

Jānis Rižikovs
(Latvian State Institute of Wood Chemistry)

15:20 Follow-up session: Q&A, moderated discussion with the presenters

Moderator: Aleksejs Nipers
(LBTU)

15:30 Closure of workshop



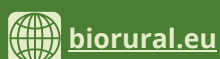
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