ADDED VALUE OF COOPERATION IN BIOECONOMY RESEARCH – TWO YEARS PROGRESS OF THE BIOEAST INITIATIVE

BREAK OUT SESSION PRESENTATION

AGRIFORVALOR

Closing the research and innovation divide by connecting practitioners from agriculture and forestry with research and academia

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Budapest, Hungary
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Introduction to the Agriforvalor project

- Horizon 2020 project, for the creation of new links between research and practitioners (farmers, foresters)
- In secondary sidestream biomass valorisation
- To develop the bioeconomy
- Ireland, Spain, Hungary – biomass innovation design hubs have been created in 2016
- Main results in Y1:
  - Research of status quo in biomass valorisation
  - Online database of technologies, awareness raising
  - Creation of 3 national hubs and several Innovation Partnership groups
- [www.agriforvalor.eu](http://www.agriforvalor.eu)
Challenges

• To increase simultaneously productivity and sustainability in agriculture and rural areas
• Research results are often insufficiently exploited and taken up in practice
• Innovation-driven research to be promoted (not science-driven research)
• Stimulate interaction and knowledge exchange bw RI and practitioners
• Making available science and practice based information
• Capture creative ideas from the grassroots-level
• Bioeconomy as a concept and its principles to be explained; only the concept is new
• Geographical distance
Good examples – Innovation Partnership groups in Hungary

• Agricultural Innovation Partnership group on developing a new cultivation technology based on circular use of biomass (valorization of biogas digestates)

• Forestry Innovation Partnership group on valorisation of bark biomass

• Forestry Innovation Partnership group on developing new wood-chips based wooden products

• DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA? LET US KNOW
Further information on Agriforvalor

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• Lavina Foundation
Why is it worth cooperating with Agriforvalor?

• Share your research results and practical applications with the Bioeconomy community
• Become active partner of the bioeconomy community in Europe for building up a sustainable future
• Learn from research results and good practices in order to valorize your biomass sidestreams
• Share your ideas on biomass sidestream topics
• Profit from innovation partnerships across new value chains integrating complementary knowledge to valorize specific biomass sidestream topics
• Get access to contacts of other bioeconomy players in the hubs and the EU
• Set up your own business model on biomass sidestreams to safe and/or make money with biomass sidestreams