



Development of resilient value chains and their impact on a sustainable energy supply and its energy saving potentials with examples from the fields of circular economy and bioeconomy

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Agenda:

Introduction and Welcome (5 min)

Nirvana Kapitan Butkovic, Coordinator of EUSDR Priority Area 8 Competitiveness of Enterprises

Facilitator:

Welcome, outline of session and introduction of speakers (15 min (5 min Moderator + 2 min per panellist)

Dr. Gerd Meier zu Köcker

Panel discussion (50 min)

10 min speaking time per panelist (at least two rounds)

Presentations possible, not obligatory

Dr Gerd Meier zu Köcker

Managing Director RegioClusterAgentur Baden-Württemberg

Co-coordinator of EUSDR PA 8 Cluster and Regional Development Working Group and Coordinator of EUSALP Action Group 2 Sub-Group on Bioeconomy, Thematic Priority (Subgroup) Bioeconomy/Cluster Development.

Prof. Dieter Hertweck

Research Professor for Service Science at Reutlingen University of Applied Sciences

Coordinator of the EUSDR PA 8 Digital Danube Working Group

Expert on the topic of "Digital tools for identifying and implementing circular economy value chains in SMEs". As the head of the EUSDR PA 8 working group, one tries both to actively anchor the topic of digitization in the Danube Region Strategy and to practically network universities, business promoters, politics and companies in such a way that the topic of digitization in the Danube Region as a whole makes progress.

Mateja Dermastia

CEO of Anteja ECG, a women-led international consultancy dedicated to promoting sustainable economic development. Partner in the Danube Transnational Programme Interreg project GoDanuBio (EUSDR) and representative of EUSALP and EUSAIR Presentation of VCG.AI, which is an AI-powered circular value chain generator to match material, waste, and residual streams with advanced technologies and provides matches between sellers, buyers, and technology providers for minimizing waste and CO2 emissions and improving efficiency and profitability (VCG.AI).



Erik Sindhøj

Researcher at RiSe in Sweden, specialist about recycling of nutrients at RISE RESEARCH INSTITUTES OF SWEDEN, Representative of EUSBR.

The goal of Eric Sindhøj's research is to increase nutrient resource use efficiency from livestock manure and other organic fertilizers to create sustainable and profitable handling chains that also lead to reducing negative environmental impacts of agriculture.

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Marko Mitrovič

Founder of Optifood, Maribor, Slovenia,
Representative of EUSALP

The mission of Marko Mitrovič and Optifood is to prevent food waste with innovative and technological solutions in food management. In his work, he is combining economic optimization with environmental protection and social responsibility. Contribution to the discussion in regard of Circular economy, avoiding waste of resources including raw materials and energy

Q&A (15 min)

Final comment each speaker and thanks (5 min)