

Your opinion matters!

A European Commission consultation on the European bio-based economy

Dear Sir, Madam,

As we would like to hear from you, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation has launched a public consultation entitled "**Bio-based economy for Europe: state of play and future potential**". Please access it via this link:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/consultations/bioeconomy/consultation_en.htm

The online consultation asks for your informed opinion through 12 questions in three areas:

- potential benefits and risks of fostering a bio-based economy in the future;
- the current achievements and existing obstacles that hinder the functioning of the bio-based economy today;
- future actions that will be necessary.

Your suggestions will help shaping a "European Strategy and Action Plan towards a sustainable bio-based economy by 2020" to be adopted at the end of 2011. The bio-based economy aims to create an overarching framework for policies which help to ensure clear focus on Food security and Sustainable management of Bio-resources. Food security, climate change, healthy living and energy efficiency are the specific grand societal challenges addressed by this framework. The consultation closes on 2 May 2011. Its outcomes will be made public through a report.

We would also like to draw your attention to a complementary consultation which is being conducted by the Directorate-General for Environment on the preparation of a "**Roadmap for a resource-efficient Europe**". This consultation asks for general views on resource use, scarcities, current obstacles and major areas of concern; policy areas that could be included in the roadmap; and options for encouraging individual shifts of behaviour. We encourage you to also reply to this complementary consultation which can be accessed via this link:

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/consultations/roadmap_re_en.htm

All consultations can be found on the Commission's website

<http://ec.europa.eu/yourvoice/>

We are looking forward to hearing from you!

Thank you for your contribution.

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