

Raw Materials Week

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EU Forest-based Industries: the track to 2050

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Le Plaza Hotel (Boulevard Adolphe Max 118-126, 1000 Bruxelles)
Charleston Room

13.00-14.00 **Registration and welcome coffee**

14.00-16.00 **Session I: The state of the EU forest-based sector in the wider world** – Chaired by Mr **Peter Handley**, DG GROW, EC

Keynote address - The EU's future forests & wood-supplies:

Prof. Gert-Jan NABUURS, Wageningen University, NL

Mr Simo Jaakkola, Chairman of the CEETTAR Standing Committee on Forestry

Clarifications and Q&A

F-BI success stories pave the way for further sectoral changes:

Sawmilling - innovating for resource-efficiency and customer focus

Furniture 4.0: digital tech & skills

Bio-based products old & new

Lessons from another biotic sector:

Rubber - more than tyres - Ms Fazilet CINARALP, ETRMA

Open discussion

Session conclusions: DG GROW

16.00-16.30 **Coffee break**

16.30-18.00 **Session II: How the EU F-BI will meet the challenges and reach the goals of 2050** – Chaired by Ms **Malwina Nowakowska-Ketterle**, DG GROW, EC

Presentation of the F-BI sectoral strategic initiative towards 2050

Other F-BI « Core Group » members (tbc)

Panel Discussion

Industries big & small - Ms **Patrizia GREGORI**, SNCF

Trades unions - Mr **Rolf Gehring**, EFBWW

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CE waste management – Mr **Jan Van Mierlo**, Suez

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End note: How a bottom-up, regional bio-economy strategy can help provide sustainable growth and jobs - Mr **Risto Poutiainen**, Regional Mayor of North Karelia, Finland

Closing remarks by DG GROW
