



**Experiences and view of LPCs on
participation to public - public
partnerships in area of bioeconomy**

Case of Latvia

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Knowledge based bioeconomy – one of the areas of Smart specialisation in Latvia

Aim – the transformation of economy towards production of added value products and services



Main areas of bioeconomy research in Latvia

- Sustainable and productive forest cultivation
- Innovative, competitive products with high added value
- Full usage of wood biomass for the chemical processing and energy
- Food safety



Resources

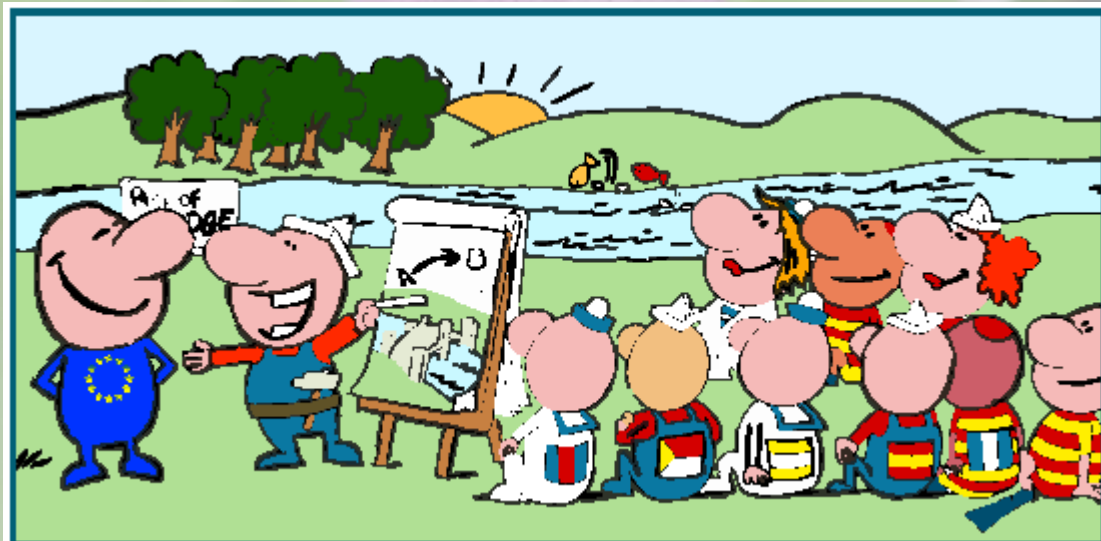
- **3600 – FTE researchers in Latvia (2015)**
485 – related with bioeconomy

The main leaders in previous ERA-NET calls:

- **Latvia University of Agriculture**
- **University of Latvia**
- **Latvian State Institute of Wood Chemistry**
- **Riga Technical University**



Participation in public-public partnerships – essential to unlock the full potential in bio-economy (ERA-NET projects)



Positive experience in ERA-NETs

- **Integration of Latvian research institutions in European Research Area**
- **Opportunity to work together with experienced colleagues from other countries**
- **Collaboration with innovation-oriented enterprises**
- **Democratic approach in the elaboration of call thematics**
- **Non-bureaucratic style of administration**

Lessons learnt

- **Timetable of signing of consortium agreements differs in participating countries**
- **Should pay more attention to mobility activities**
- **Should promote the participation of Latvian researchers in the evaluation process of proposals**

How to promote participation of LPC in ERA-NET Cofund projects

- **COST actions**
- **effective tools for partner research**
- **organizations of conferences or brokerage events before the calls**
(experience of Wood WisdomNet ERA-NET)
- **increasing the visibility of research institutions from LPC**
- **joining to successful ERA-NETs**

Challenges for Latvia

To become member in Joint Programming Initiatives:

- **Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change**
- **A Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life**



**Coming together is a beginning,
keeping together is a progress,
working together is a success.**

Henry Ford

