

13th International Bioeconomy Conference 2025

June 17–19, 2025: Händel-Halle, Salzgrafenplatz, Halle (Saale)



Tue, June 17, 2025 – Restaurant „Dock’s“, Pfälzer Ufer 4, Halle (Saale)

„WELCOME TO SAXONY-ANHALT“ BARBEQUE

- 6 p.m. **Welcome and Introduction**
Dr. Joachim Schulze (BioEconomy)
- 6:15 p.m. **Welcome to Saxony-Anhalt**
Dr. Robert Franke (Investment and Marketing Corporation Saxony-Anhalt)
- 6:30 p.m. **Food & Networking**
Complimentary Barbecue

Wed, June 18, 2025 – Georg-Friedrich-Händel-Halle, Salzgrafenplatz, Halle (Saale)

SESSION I: POLITICAL FRAMEWORK OF THE BIOECONOMY

- 9 a.m. **Current Status of National and International Bioeconomy Initiatives**
Prof. Daniela Thrän (Helmholtz-Zentrum für Umweltforschung (UFZ))
- 9:15 a.m. **Bioeconomic Strategies and Policies in the Netherlands**
Janine van Kampen (Ministry of Climate Policy and Green Growth, NL)
- 9:30 a.m. **Bioeconomic Strategies and Policies in the Republic of Lithuania**
Inga Rovbutas (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, LT)
- 9:45 a.m. **Panel: Q&A**

10 a.m. **Coffee Break**
Complimentary Coffee & Snacks

SESSION II: FINANCING THE BIOECONOMY

- 10:30 a.m. **The State of the European Bioeconomy Market: Opportunities & Obstacles**
Annika Bülow (Ceresana)
- 10:45 a.m. **Financing Novel and Commercially Viable Bioeconomy Innovation with Venture Capital**
Dr. Albrecht Läufer (SEF Ventures)
- 11 a.m. **To Insure or to Hazard? That is the Central Question.**
Michael Hüfner (Marsh)
- 11:15 a.m. **Panel: Q&A**

11:30 p.m. **Lunch Break**
Complimentary Lunch Buffet

SESSION III/a: THE BIOECONOMY INDUSTRY

- 12:30 p.m. **Large Scale Biorefineries – Outlook & Opportunities**
Marco Lietz (Neste)
- 12:45 p.m. **Renewable α -Olefins by Ethenolysis from Bitterfeld, Germany: Status of the project**
Dr. Andreas Kohl (Verbio)
- 1 p.m. **From Concept to Reality: The Start-up of UPM's Biorefinery in Leuna**
Dr. Konrad Gebauer (UPM Biochemicals)
- 1:15 p.m. **The Role of Biobased PA610 in Advancing Sustainable Polyamide Solutions**
Dr. Maarten Veevaete (Domo Engineering Plastics)
- 1:30 p.m. **Panel: Q&A**

MIND BREAK: PANEL DISCUSSION

- 1:45 p.m. **Intellectual Property in the Bioeconomy Industry**
Dr. Joachim Schulze (BioEconomy), Dr. Albrecht Läufer (SEF Ventures), Dr. Christian Sonnendecker (Ester Biotech), Michalski Hüttermann & Partner (Patent Attorneys), Dr. Philipp Rittershaus (Root Camp Start-up Initiative)
- 2:15 p.m. **Coffee Break**
Complimentary Coffee & Snacks

SESSION III/b: THE BIOECONOMY INDUSTRY

- 2:45 p.m. ...
Klaus Pellengahr (Corden BioChem International)
- 3 p.m. **Start-up of our Olive-Pulp Biogas Plant in Spain**
Dr. William Sganzerla (VORN Bioenergy)
- 3:15 p.m. **Challenges and Opportunities of the German H2 Market: Insights from a Producer's Perspective**
Kathrin Schulz (EDF Hynamics)
- 3:30 p.m. **Panel: Q&A**

SESSION IV: BIOECONOMY STARTUPS

- 3:45 p.m. **Packaging Elements from Grain Residues**
Henning Tschunt (Proservation)
- 4 p.m. **Fermentation Based Production for Alternative Seafood**
Washington Logrono (Pacifico Biolabs)

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4:15 p.m. **Sparking Bioeconomy Growth in Dessau: AlgaeCytes**
Andrew Cosentino (AlgaeCytes)

4:30 p.m. **Panel: Q&A**

EVENING SIDE PROGRAM

6 p.m. **Nightwatch's Walk through G. F. Händel's Home Town**
Tourist Information of Halle (Saale)

7 p.m. **Micro Brewery „Hallesches Brauhaus“**
Buffet and Drinks on 'pay by yourself' basis

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SESSION V: BIOECONOMY INITIATIVES

9 a.m. **TransBIB – Boost Industrial Bioeconomy**
Dr. Matthias Scholz (TransBiB)

9:15 a.m. **The BioEconomy Hub – a place to grow**
Dr. Gerd Unkelbach (BioEconomy)

9:30 a.m. **From Fossil Legacy to Bio-Based Future**
Christine Braun (Startup Labor Schwedt)

9:45 a.m. **Transforming Chemistry – A Key Enabler for Resource Sustainability**
Dr. Susanne Ebitsch (Center for the Transformation of Chemistry CTC)

10 a.m. **How we Transformed a Stockyard to a BioEconomy Center in Greifswald**
Prof. Dr. Beatrice Großjohann (MICROMUN)

10:15 a.m. **Panel: Q&A**

10:30 a.m. **Coffe Break**
Complimentary Coffe & Snacks

SESSION VI: BIOECONOMY SCIENCE

11 a.m. **Upcycling of Cellulosic (Sanitary Paper) Waste**
Prof. Elke Wilharm (Ostfalia University of Applied Sciences)

11:15 a.m. **Biomass as a Carbon Source for Renewable Refineries**
Dr.-Ing. Franziska Müller-Langer (Deutsches Biomasse-Forschungszentrum DBFZ)

11:30 a.m. **Direct Microbial Production of the Green Solvent Ethyl-Acetate**
Prof. Thomas Walther (Technische Universität Dresden)

11:45 a.m. **Material and Energetic use of Biomass**
Dr. Agata Olszewska-Widdrat (Leibniz-Institut für Agrartechnik und Bioökonomie ATB)

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STUDY TRIP TO BIOECONOMY HUBS

1:15 p.m. **Departure by Bus from Händel Halle**

1:30 p.m. **Stop 1: Startup-Pitches at Weinberg Campus**
Arrangement: Weinberg-Campus, "Smile" Leipzig, Future Forest Initiative

3 p.m. **Stop 2: Chemical Site of Leuna**
Leuna (incl. production sites of UPM and Domo)

4 p.m. **Arrival in Halle**