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Collaboration Initiative on Biorefineries**

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## Introduction:

Star-COLIBRI's High-level Policy-maker Conference on Biorefineries took place on 5 October 2011 at the prestigious Solvay Library in Brussels, in what was the final event of the Star-COLIBRI project. A panel of high-level speakers came together to discuss key policy priorities in the context of the upcoming bio-economy strategy. Special emphasis was given to the important role of biorefineries in achieving the ambitious goals set out in the strategy, such as resource-efficiency, sustainability and greenhouse gas reduction. One of the highlights of the event was the official publication of the Joint European Biorefinery Vision for 2030 and the Joint European Research Roadmap 2020.

## Speakers included:

- Judith Merkies, Member of the European Parliament
- Sirpa Pietikäinen, Member of the European Parliament
- Johan Elnert, Star-COLIBRI project coordinator, Manager of Forest-Based Sector Technology Platform
- Alfredo Aguilar Romanillos, Head of Unit, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission
- Andreas Pilzecker, Policy Officer, DG Agriculture, European Commission
- Gudbrand Rødsrud, Technology Director Business Development, Borregaard
- Yvon Le Hénaff, General Manager, ARD
- Robert Berry, Wolfson Centre, Bio4Flow Cluster
- Peter Pickel, John Deere

## Powerpoint presentations:

- [Star-COLIBRI project: key results](#) ; Johan Elnert, Star-COLIBRI project coordinator, Manager of Forest-Based Sector ETP
- [Best practices from biorefinery project clustering](#) ; Robert Berry, Wolfson Centre, Bio4Flow cluster
- [Example of an integrated biorefinery: Borregaard](#) ; Gudbrand Rødsrud, Technology Director Business Development, Borregaard
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## Save the date High-level Policy Maker Conference on Biorefineries

**5 October 2011 - Bibliothèque Solvay,  
Brussels**

We are delighted to invite you to our High-level Policy Maker Conference on Biorefineries at the prestigious [Solvay Library](#) in Brussels on Wednesday 5th of October in Brussels. The event will be chaired by Lena Ek, Member of the European Parliament, and will bring together a panel of high-level speakers to discuss key policy priorities in the field of biorefinery, from the upcoming Bio-economy strategy to the European Resource-efficiency strategy. One of the highlights of the event will be the official publication of the Joint European Biorefinery Vision for 2030 and the Joint European Research Roadmap 2020. We will send you a draft agenda and practical information in the coming weeks.

For any inquiries about the event, please contact Jasmina Laurmaa at: [J.laurmaa@europabio.org](mailto:J.laurmaa@europabio.org).

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## Feedback from the European Expert Forum on Biorefineries in Budapest, April 2011

Our European Expert Forum Conference on Biorefineries took place on the 12th and 13th of April 2011 in Budapest, in the framework of the Hungarian Presidency of the European Union. The event successfully brought together 110 industry and research delegates from across Europe, as well as policymakers from the European Commission and representatives from the Hungarian government. The programme gathered top-level speakers from industry, research and EU institutions, thus providing different perspectives on biorefineries, namely by highlighting different parts of the value-chain and the importance of biorefinery development for a broad range of sectors.

[Download conclusions here](#)



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Star-COLIBRI is a partnership between five European Technology Platforms and five prominent research organisations: the aim of Star-COLIBRI is to facilitate information exchanges, industrial exploitation of research results and to promote coordination in the area of future biorefinery-related research. Star-COLIBRI is a Coordination and Support Action funded by the European Commission's 7th Framework Programme.  
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News

**New name for the future EU funding programme for research and innovation: Horizon 2020**

Statement by Commissioner Mire Geoghegan-Quinn on the outcome of the competition to name the future EU funding programme for research and innovation.

**Modernisation of EU public procurement rules - FAQs**

**The Commission's new Energy Efficiency Directive**  
By 2020, the EU wants to cut energy consumption by 20 percent. In absolute terms – calculated in million tons of oil equivalent (Mtoe) – these are 368 Mtoe in 2020 compared to projected consumption in that year of 1842 Mtoe.

*Designed invitation – sent in September 2011*

## INVITATION

### High-level Policy-maker Conference on Biorefineries 5 October 2011 – 12:30-18:00



An event

To be hosted by Ms. Lena Ek, Member of the European Parliament  
At the Solvay Library in Brussels  
Followed by a cocktail reception

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- Jonas Bering Liisberg, Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative of Denmark to the EU
- Johan Elvnert, Star-COLIBRI project coordinator, Manager of Forest-Based Sector ETP
- Alfredo Aguilar Romanillos, Head of Unit, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission
- Maria Angeles Benitez-Salas, Director, DG Agriculture, European Commission
- Mairead Mc Guinness, Member of the European Parliament

A full agenda and registration form are available at: [www.star-colibri.eu/events](http://www.star-colibri.eu/events).

Please RSVP by filling in the online registration form before Monday 3 October close of business. You will receive a confirmation email.

For any inquiries about the event please contact Jasmiina Laurmaa at [info@star-colibri.eu](mailto:info@star-colibri.eu)

We look forward to welcoming you to our event.



## Reminder sent to invitees – September 2011

Please disregard this email if you have already registered or responded.



**Last chance to register:**

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## High-Level Policy-maker Conference on Biorefineries Final agenda

12:30-14:00: *Registration and lunch*

### Session 1: Paving the way towards a smart, sustainable and resource-efficient Europe

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| 14:00-14:15: | <b>Opening presentation</b><br>Judith Merkies, Member of the European Parliament  |
| 14:15-14:35: | <b>Building the European Bioeconomy for 2020 and beyond</b><br>Sirpa Pietikäinen, Member of the European Parliament   |
| 14:35-14:55: | <b>Star-COLIBRI project: key results from partnerships to Vision 2030 on biorefineries</b><br>Johan Elvnert, Star-COLIBRI project coordinator, Manager of Forest-Based Sector ETP |
| 14:55-15:05: | <b>Best practices from biorefinery project clustering</b><br>Robert Berry, Wolfson Centre, Bio4Flow cluster   |
| 15:05-15:20: | <b>Example of an integrated biorefinery: Borregaard</b><br>Gudbrand Rødsrud, Technology Director Business Development, Borregaard   |
| 15:20-15:50: | Panel discussion  |

15:50-16:15: *Coffee break*

### Session 2: Bio-based economy for Europe: biorefineries as a key tool for smart and sustainable growth

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| 16:15-16:35: | <b>Research and Innovation for Biorefineries and the Bioeconomy</b><br>Alfredo Aguilar Romanillos, Head of Unit, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission |
| 16:35-16:55: | <b>Biomass for the Bioeconomy</b><br>Andreas Pilzecker, Policy Officer, DG Agriculture, European Commission  |
| 16:55-17:15: | <b>The biorefinery concept from a logistics point of view</b><br>Peter Pickel, John Deere  |
| 17:15-17:30: | <b>Example of an integrated biorefinery: BRI platform</b><br>Yvon le Hénaff, General Manager, ARD  |
| 17:30-18:00: | Panel discussion and closing remarks   |



18:00-19:30: Cocktail reception

Final registration list

| First name | Surname            | Organisation   |
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| Judith    | Merkies       | Member of the European Parliament                      |
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Press release published on 7 October further to the event



## PRESS RELEASE

### High-level Policy-maker Conference on Biorefineries

Brussels, 7 October 2011

A High-level Policy-maker Conference on Biorefineries took place this Wednesday at the prestigious Solvay Library in Brussels, in what was the final event of the EU-funded Star-COLIBRI project. A panel of high-level speakers came together to discuss key policy priorities in the context of the upcoming bio-economy strategy. Special emphasis was given to the important role of biorefineries in achieving the ambitious goals set out in the strategy, such as resource-efficiency, sustainability and greenhouse gas reduction. One of the highlights of the event was the official publication of the Joint European Biorefinery Vision for 2030 and the Joint European Research Roadmap 2020.

The Star-COLIBRI project (*Strategic Research Targets for 2020 – Collaboration Initiative on Biorefineries*) is a 2-year Coordination and Support Action funded by the European Commission's 7th Framework Programme which will conclude at the end of the month. The project involves 5 European Technology Platforms and 5 major European Research organisations. Star-COLIBRI aims at overcoming fragmentation and promoting better cooperation in the area of biorefinery research. The project supports innovations by speeding up and facilitating industrial exploitation of research results in the biorefinery field, as well as promoting coordination in the field of future R&D funding and facilitating the creation of Public-Private Partnerships.

According to the Joint European Biorefinery Vision for 2030, the Biobased Economy is expected to grow significantly in Europe in the next 20 years. One of its core pillars is biorefining; the sustainable processing of biomass such as food, fuel and paper into a spectrum of marketable products and energy. In 2030, it is estimated that biorefineries will use a wider range of feedstocks and will produce an even greater variety of end-products than today. Achieving the goals set out in the report will require future biorefineries to be better integrated, more flexible and operating more sustainably. This will only be possible if crucial bottlenecks along the entire value-chain can be removed. To address these challenges, several strategic research areas must be addressed by 2020: biomass production and supply (including logistics), processing (both pre-treatment and conversion), programme integration (cross-sector, value-chain optimisation, process integration and overall sustainability assessments) and market development (from research to markets).

Speaking at the event, **Judith Merkies**, Member of the European Parliament said: *"Policy-makers in Europe have identified three key challenges that will affect Europe before the rest of the world. These are an ageing society, stability and equity in the economy and resource efficiency. Because our consumption grid is the highest per person in the world, it is our responsibility in Europe to turn these challenges into benefits. The issues and solutions identified through the Star-COLIBRI project are the kind of responses intended under the EU Innovation Partnerships and it is of major importance to resource efficiency in Europe and to the economy as a whole that we initiate these solutions as soon as possible"*



*provided invaluable information and tools to enable policy-makers to build a framework for the development of a sustainable European bioeconomy, with a network of biorefineries playing an essential role. "*

**The Joint European Biorefinery Vision for 2030 and the European Biorefinery Joint Strategic Research Roadmap for 2020 are available at:**

[www.star-colibri.eu/publications](http://www.star-colibri.eu/publications)

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