

Star-COLIBRI project Newsletter

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European Expert Forum on Biorefineries: 12-13 April 2011, Radisson SAS Blu Béke Hotel, Budapest

The Star-COLIBRI partners would like to invite you to our 2-day European Expert Forum Conference, taking place in Budapest on 12-13 April 2011 - in the framework of the Hungarian Presidency of the European Union - to highlight the importance of biorefinery research and cooperation.

This event will give you the chance to network with stakeholders from industry, research and policy sectors. The conference will also give you with the opportunity of providing input to the Joint European Biorefinery Vision for 2030 and help shape the Joint European Strategic Research Roadmap 2020 for Biorefineries. These two major policy documents will be presented at a high-level policy conference on biorefineries in Brussels in October 2011.

Who: Biorefinery experts, scientists, industry representatives, policymakers

What: 2-day conference on biorefineries, covering the whole value-chain from biomass to end products. Download the preliminary agenda [here](#).

When: 12-13 April 2011

Where: Budapest, [Radisson Blu Béke Hotel](#)

Conference highlights:

- Find new opportunities for project-to-project research cooperation
- Participate in the discussion to draw up a Joint European Research Roadmap for biorefineries
- Discover how new forms of collaboration, together with greater transparency, can strengthen the European biorefinery sector
- Learn more about Public-Private Partnerships and initiatives in R&D and Innovation
- Learn about our Vision for an integrated biorefinery sector by 2030

Registrations and more information [here](#).

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WORK IN PROGRESS

The Star-COLIBRI partners successfully completed the projects' first year of activity. The [StarClustering strategy](#) was launched to initiate cooperations between biorefinery projects at both national and European level.

Tight cooperation between Star-COLIBRI project partners resulted in the following reports:

- [Public Private Partnership opportunities in Europe:](#)
This report highlights the various opportunities in Europe for building Public Private Partnerships in the area of biorefining and presents alternatives to such PPPs
- [Mapping of biorefinery research projects in Europe:](#)
This report presents the results of our mapping of ongoing biorefinery related projects in Europe, which you will be able to find in our Biorefinery portal at: www.star-colibri.net/wiki. Over 350 projects were found throughout Europe, ranging from basic research to large demonstration projects.
- [Biorefinery R&D outside Europe:](#)
This report is the result of our information collection about ongoing R&D initiatives outside of Europe. The report provides an outlook on biorefinery research in the USA, Canada, Australia, China, India and South America. The results will be used for benchmarking or to indicate new opportunities.
- [Industrial biorefineries in Europe](#)
The report lists and gathers information about current industrial biorefineries throughout Europe. It provides a list of commercial biorefineries, defines different types of biorefineries and presents some examples of leading biorefineries in Europe.

Partnerships with other biorefinery projects have also been initiated, among which the 3 projects of the EC 2008 Biorefinery Joint Call, namely [BIOCORE](#), [SUPRABIO](#) and [EUROBIOREF](#). Find out more about this cooperation [here](#).

NEWS

[Smarter use of scarce resources: Commission launches flagship initiative for sustainable growth](#)

Rapid EU Press releases

Building a more resource-efficient Europe is crucial to the EU's economic and ecological security. The European Commission set out its views on a strategic framework that should deliver a more sustainable use of natural resources and the shift towards resource-efficient, low-carbon growth in Europe.

[State aid: Commission approves Swedish €55 million aid for «Domsjö» R&D project](#)

Rapid EU Press releases

The European Commission has authorised under EU state aid rules a support of SEK 500 million (about €54.6 million) that Sweden intends to grant to the Domsjö R&D project. Domsjö Fabriker AB, a Swedish pulp producer, will develop a demonstration plant for the production of bio-methanol and other biofuels from pulp mill residue material.

[Does it really stack up?](#)

The Economist

Agriculture: Growing crops in vertical farms in the heart of cities is said to be a greener way to produce food. But the idea is still unproven.

[Global investment in renewables to total \\$1.7 trillion by 2020](#)

The Guardian

More proactive government policies could generate an extra \$546bn of investment in clean energy, report finds. On a business-as-usual basis, \$1.7 trillion (£1.08tn) would be invested globally in renewables like solar and wind, biomass and other low-carbon forms of electricity generation over the next decade...

[UPM selects possible biorefinery location](#)

Pulp and Paper News

UPM selects Rauma or Strasbourg as possible biorefinery location.

CONTACT US

Please feel free to contact us should you have questions about our European Expert Forum on Biorefineries or the Star-COLIBRI project. .

We are looking forward to hearing from you !

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