



## Invitation

### Seminar “Swedish Forest Management and the Bioeconomy”

November 28, 2017 at 10.00-14.00

Permanent Representation of Sweden to the EU, Square de Meeûs 30, Brussels

Europaforum Northern Sweden cordially invites you to the seminar “Swedish Forest Management and the Bioeconomy”, November 28, 2017 at the Permanent Representation of Sweden to the EU, Brussels.

The forest-based industry is one of the most important sectors for Sweden and Europe. Forest is the basis for sustainable industrial and energy production and forest biomass is found in most countries. New bio-based products, e.g. plastic, textiles and fuels from the forest can significantly contribute to EU’s Climate and Energy targets including the security of supply of energy and to achieve the EU's goal of a developed bioeconomy.

Representatives from regional and national levels in Sweden, European institutions, industry and NGOs will share knowledge and engage in debates on sustainable forest management, climate change mitigation and the growth of forest-based industries emphasizing in particular the importance of the Bioeconomy for regional growth in the sparsely populated areas in Northern Sweden.

*Europaforum Northern Sweden (EFNS) is a network for politicians at local and regional levels in the four northernmost counties Norrbotten, Västerbotten, Jämtland Härjedalen and Västernorrland in Sweden. EFNS is an arena to analyze and discuss EU policies and to influence EU legislation.*

Please register [online](#) by the latest November 24, 2017. You will receive a confirmation of your registration prior to the event. We look forward to receiving your registration and to welcoming you on November 28, 2017.

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# Program

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<b>10.00</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>12.00-12.30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>10.00-10.15</b>	<b>Welcome</b> Erik Bergkvist, Chair, Europaforum Northern Sweden  Moderator Mikael Janson, Director North Sweden European Office	<b>12.30-13.30</b>	<b>SESSION 2: The Bioeconomy - Forest raw materials contribution to the growth of the forest-based industries</b>
<b>10.15-11.00</b>	<b>Keynote</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Åsa Webber, Ambassador Deputy Permanent Representative of Sweden Permanent Representation of Sweden to the EU</li><li>• Erik Bergkvist, President Region Västerbotten</li><li>• Pierre Schellekens, Deputy Head of Cabinet of Commissioner Miguel Arias Cañete, Climate Action &amp; Energy European Commission</li></ul>		<b>Moderator</b> Magnus Matisons, Project Manager Bioeconomy Biofuel Region  <i>Interventions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>EU's Bioeconomy Strategy review – the role of forest-based sector</b> Barend Verachtert, Head of Unit European Commission, DG Research and Innovation (<i>tbc</i>)</li><li>• <b>Bioenergy in Sweden</b> Rikard Gebart, Professor Energy Engineering Luleå University of Technology, LTU</li><li>• <b>Green diesel, a biofuel with low carbon dioxide emissions and low energy consumption during its production and life cycle</b> Magnus Edin, CEO SunPine AB</li><li>• <b>Next generation of sustainable bioethanol and innovative solutions in green chemistry</b> Ylwa Alwarsdotter, Executive Vice President Business Development SEKAB AB</li></ul>
<b>11.00-12.00</b>	<b>SESSION 1: Sustainable Forest Management &amp; Climate Change Mitigation</b>  <b>Moderator</b> Anna Holmberg, Energy Director Swedish Forest Industries Federation (SFIF)  <i>Interventions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>The role of land use in climate policies</b> Simon Kay, Senior Expert European Commission, DG Climate Action</li><li>• <b>Forestry – the Swedish way</b> Sara Östh, Nature conservation specialist/Environment and Quality Coordinator”. Sveaskog</li><li>• <b>Sustainable Forest Management</b> Lars Högbom, Assoc. Prof. Skogforsk</li><li>• <b>Sustainable supply of Wood to construction industry and society</b> Bror Sundqvist, Director WoodCenter North Luleå University of Technology, LTU</li></ul> <i>Panel discussion</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jytte Guteland, Member of Parliament European Parliament</li><li>• Bas Eickhout, Member of Parliament European Parliament</li></ul>	<b>13.30-13.50</b>	<i>Panel discussion</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Linnea Engström, Member of Parliament European Parliament</li><li>• Merja Kyllönen, Member of Parliament European Parliament</li><li>• Fanny Pomme-Langue, Policy Director European Biomass Association</li><li>• Linde Zuidema, Bioenergy Campaigner FERN</li></ul>
		<b>13.50-14.00</b>	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
		<b>14.00</b>	<b>Closing words</b> Erik Bergkvist, Chair, Europaforum Northern Sweden
			<b>Standing lunch</b>

