



**NSPA FORUM 2022**

**BIOECONOMY AND  
ENERGY WG**

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# ABOUT THE WG

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Bioeconomy and energy are two topics of importance for the NSPA regions. The purpose of the bioeconomy and energy working group is to influence policy development at EU level and increasing awareness and cooperation across borders in the NSPA regions. As the scope of the WG is wide, topics worked on are prioritised based on the initiatives and focus from the EU.



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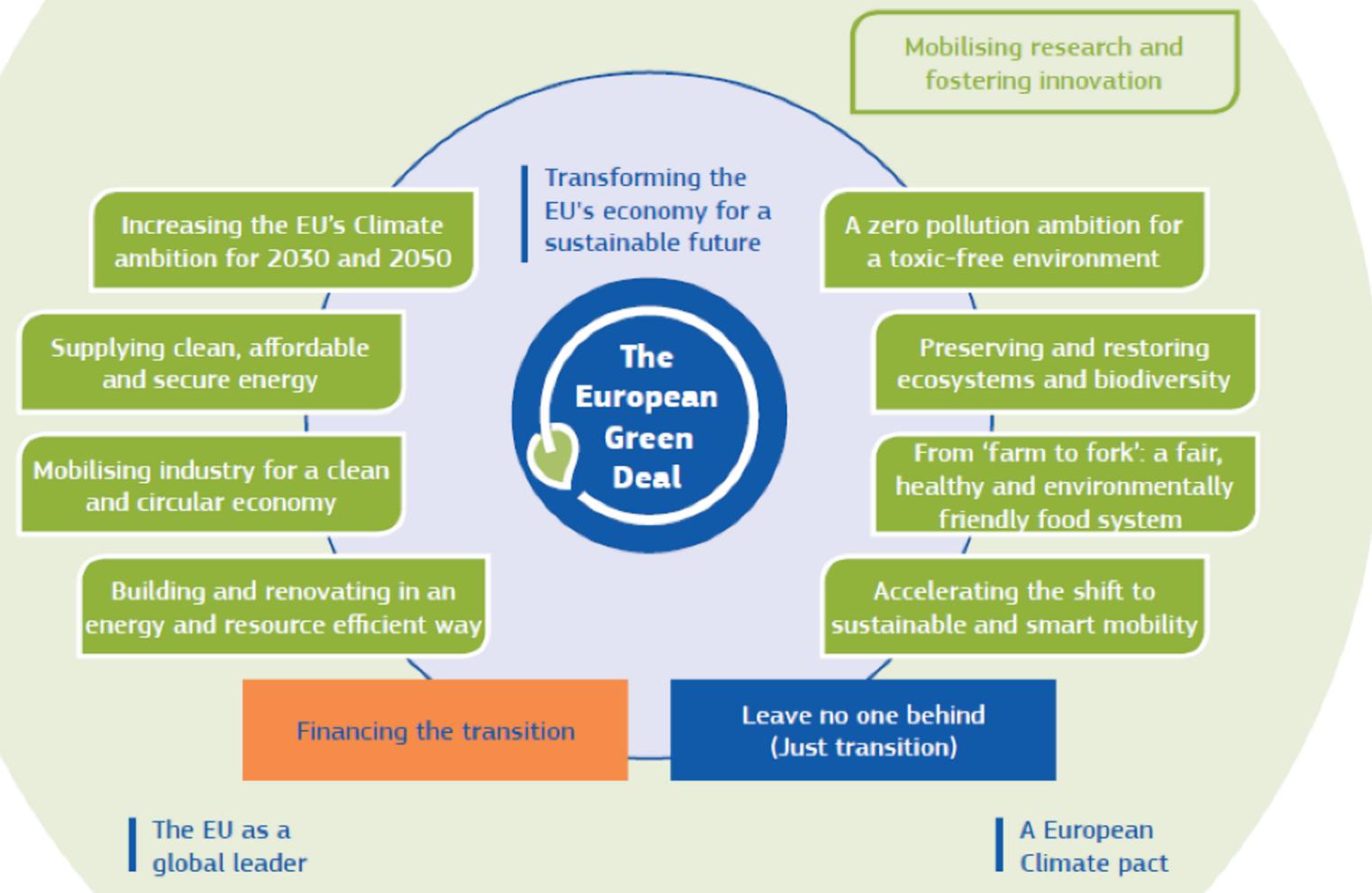


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# THE CONTEXT - the EU Green deal

Presented in 2019, the objective is for the EU to reach zero emissions of greenhouse gases by 2050



EU FOREST STRATEGY

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EU BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY

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EU SOIL STRATEGY

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BIOECONOMY STRATEGY

# 2022 upcoming EU-initiatives about forests

FOREST DEGRADATION LAW	NATURE RESTAURATION LAW	STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINABLE TEXTILES	POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR BIOBASED PLASTICS	BIOECONOMY STRATEGY PROGRESS REPORT	TAXONOMY DELEGATED ACTS ON 4 ENVIRONMENTAL OBJECTIVES
Progressing at the EP and Council	Q2 2022	Q2 2022	Q2 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022
SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTS POLICY / REVISION OF ECODSIGN DIRECTIVE	REVISION OF FOREST REPRODUCTIVE MATERIAL	BIODIVERSITY GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK (BIODIVERSITY LAW)	REVISION ON ECOLABEL COMMISSION DECISIONS (WOOD-BASED PRODUCTS)	REGULATION ON CARBON REMOVAL CERTIFICATION	EU FOREST OBSERVATION, REPORTING AND DATA COLLECTION
Q3 2022	Q4 2022	2022	2022	Q4 2022	Q1 2023

# Bioeconomy - what has been done so far?



## POSITION ON EU'S CLIMATE PACKAGE

The position paper was submitted in October 2021 and was sent to both LULUCF and RED III feedbacks.



## FOLLOW-UP ON EU-LEGISLATION

Timeline of upcoming EU initiatives that touch upon forests and bioeconomy.



## CONTACT WITH COR

Close contact with Åsa Ågren, Swedish rapporteur of LULUCF at the Committee of the Regions.



## POSITION ON LULUCF REGULATION ON ITS WAY...

Focus to the land use regulation before its trilogies will start in Q3.



# Energy: Hydrogen

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## WHAT HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR?

### POSITION PAPER - GREEN HYDROGEN PRODUCTION

Expected Delegated Act 27.3, setting out rules for green hydrogen production. As Norway, Sweden and Finland have different conditions for electricity production, the rules can have a negative impact for green hydrogen initiatives.

### ARCTIC HYDROGEN PLATFORM

Newly established platform for sharing of information and best practices, as well as possibilities for collaboration in the NSPA regions. Virtual meetings every four weeks, and a LinkedIn group to share information.

The next meeting will discuss the possibility of a project on transport. 1. April, 13h00-14h00 CET

# The EU Green deal

## Clean energy

- Energy efficiency and a power sector based largely on renewable sources
- Secure and affordable EU energy supply
- Fully integrated, interconnected and digitalised energy market

### Energy System Integration Strategy

Efficient, circular, cleaner system.  
Cleaner fuel system for hard-to-electrify sectors like heavy industry or transport

### Hydrogen Strategy

Creating sustainable industrial value chain. Boost demand, supportive framework, clear rules, R&I, well-functioning market.

### Offshore Renewable Energy Strategy

Investments, regional cooperation, predictable legal framework and strengthening supply chains and supporting innovation are key elements.

### Renovation wave

Tackling energy poverty and worst-performing buildings. Renovation of public buildings, decarbonising heating and cooling.

### European Clean Hydrogen Alliance

Support development of clean and competitive hydrogen industry. Open to any public organisation in EU working on clean hydrogen

### Trans-European Networks for Energy

# Upcoming initiatives from the EU in 2022

Many of the plans and priorities are changing because of the war in Ukraine

PUBLIC CONSULTATION:  
RENEWABLE ENERGY  
PROJECTS - PERMIT-GRANTING  
PROCESSES AND POWER-  
PURCHASE AGREEMENTS

Deadline: 12. April

NEW STRATEGY ON  
INTERNATIONAL  
ENERGY  
ENGAGEMENT

RECOMMENDATION  
ON FAST PERMITTING  
FOR RENEWABLE  
ENERGY PROJECTS

May

ALREADY LAUNCHED:  
REPOWEREU  
COMMUNICATION

8. March

ACTION FOR  
ACCELERATED DIGITAL  
TRANSFORMATION OF  
THE ENERGY SECTOR

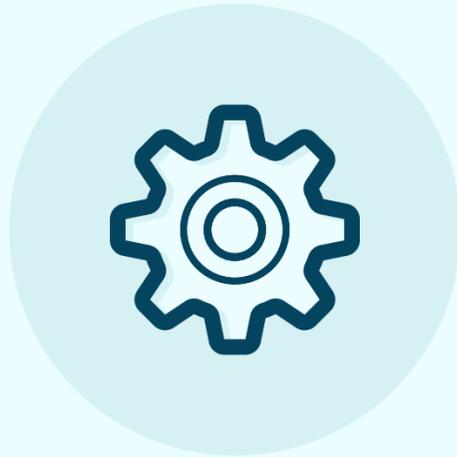
COMMUNICATION ON  
SOLAR ENERGY

INVESTORS  
DIALOGUE ON  
ENERGY

HYDROGEN  
ACCELERATOR

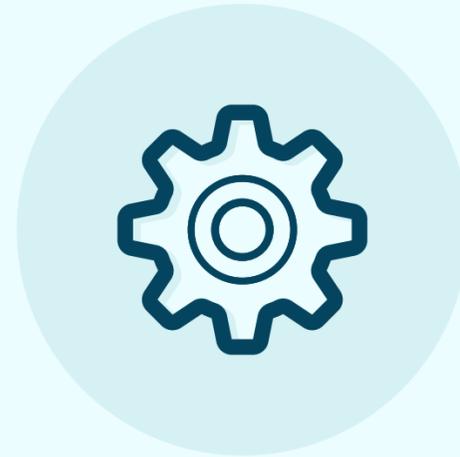
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## - WHAT SHOULD THE WG FOCUS ON?



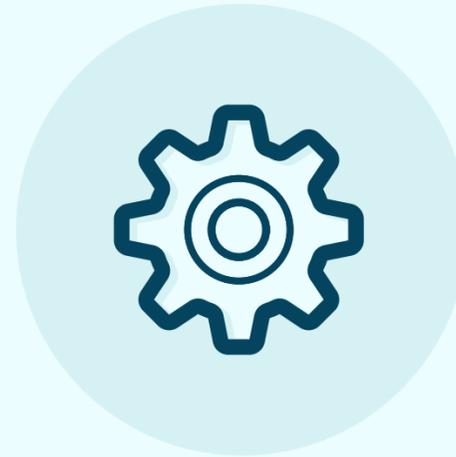
### BLUE AND GREEN

Should we look at how to combine blue and green bioeconomy?



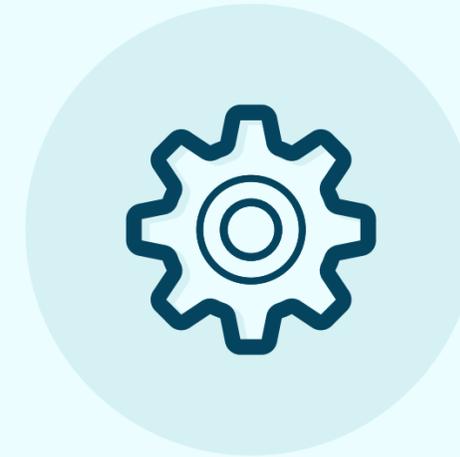
### BIOECONOMY

Of the initiatives and topics you have heard today - which are important to prioritise from the NSPA?



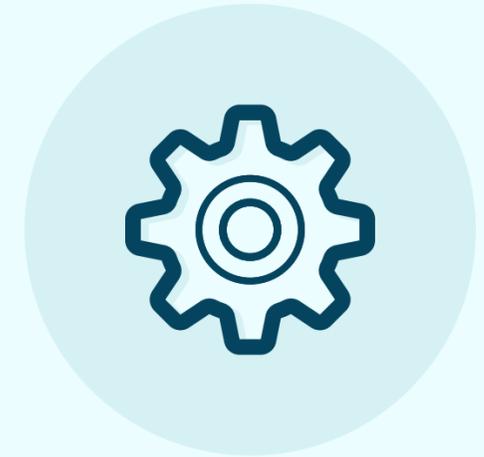
### ENERGY

Other energy topics relevant?



### ARCTIC HYDROGEN PLATFORM

Who wants to join?



### OTHER IDEAS

What haven't we thought of already that we could use the WG for?

# NEXT STEP TOGETHER

## VIRTUAL WG MEETING

### WHAT?

The working group would like to invite those in the NSPA regions interested in, and involved in the topics in question, to join an informal information meeting. The aim of the meeting is to continue the discussions started at the NSPA Forum, and to share experiences and best practices from the initiatives in the regions. For the members of the WG it gives a chance to share and get input on open consultations, new strategies and policies from the EU.

### WHEN?

April 2022

### WHERE?

Teams/Online meeting





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## FACEBOOK

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An aerial photograph of a vast, dense forest of evergreen trees. A river flows through the center of the forest, surrounded by large, flat rocks. In the background, a range of mountains is visible, with snow patches on their peaks under a cloudy sky.

**THANK YOU!**

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