



GREEN ERA-HUB
on Agri-Food and Biotechnology

Christmas Newsflash



Dear Green ERA-Hub Community,

As the Christmas season approaches and a new year dawns, the entire project coordination team wishes you a Christmas filled with warmth, love and cherished moments with your family and friends.

Looking back on the past year, the Green ERA Hub (GEH) has achieved important milestones in driving sustainability initiatives, fuelling innovation and fostering collaboration among passionate experts and enthusiasts. We are pleased to share a summary of our accomplishments during the first year of the GEH:

- **Successful Annual Socratic Dialogue:**

On March 2, the GEH organized its first annual Socratic Dialogue in Budapest, Hungary. About 50 participants from Eastern European and Balkan countries attended this momentous occasion, along with network representatives and guest speakers. Discussions focused on increasing opportunities for these regions in European joint programming initiatives and networks, particularly focused on regional food systems and participation in the upcoming Horizon Europe Partnerships.

- **First call for proposals successful:**

Our first call for proposals received an overwhelming response with 64 eligible submissions. From these, 10

promising projects were selected that focus on improving the sustainability and resilience of the agri-food system. These projects cover different areas such as efficient use of fertilizers, protein self-sufficiency, greenhouse gas emission reduction and sustainable energy use in agri-food systems. These projects, with a total requested budget of €10.2 million, will start between January and April 2024.

- **Call for Early Career Research:** To support and nurture the next generation of sustainability leaders, the GEH launched an Early Career Research Call. This initiative was designed to provide young researchers with valuable experiences, enhance their skills and expand their professional networks. We received numerous applications and successfully completed the application process. Successful applicants will benefit from internships and short visits to prestigious research institutes or public organizations in the summer of 2024.
- **Roadmapping Workshop for Future Initiatives:** In November 2023, the GEH conducted a roadmapping workshop to define thematic research areas critical to our future activities. This engaging workshop involved representatives from our networks and highlighted key themes such as climate change, circularity, behavioral change and exploring new frontiers. It led to the identification of crucial research areas such as circular resource use, innovative food technologies, climate-positive agriculture and reshaping land use practices.
- **GEH Breakfast Club:** Launching our first series of the GEH Breakfast Club, a platform designed to facilitate informal discussions and networking opportunities among sustainability professionals. This initiative provides a dynamic space for sharing insights, fostering partnerships and exploring innovative solutions to environmental challenges.

As we look forward to a new year full of renewed energy and dedication to our shared mission, we want to thank everyone who has been a part of our journey. Your support and dedication have propelled GEH toward its goals.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

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The Green ERA-Hub Breakfast Club!

Opportunity: **Early Career Researcher**



GREEN ERA-HUB
For High Potential Researchers

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GFH Breakfast Club
For Postdocs & PhDs

Wednesday, January 10th - 2024; 10:00 am CET

Prof. Tim Bugg
Professor of Biological Chemistry, The University of Warwick
Title: Microbial conversion of lignin to monomers for bio-based plastics using synthetic biology

Dr. Jose Jimenez
Reader at Imperial College London, Department of Life Sciences
Title: Microbial integration of plastics in the circular economy

REGISTER


Thursday, January 25th - 2024; 10:00 am CET


Prof. Frank Delvigne
Professor in Microbial Biotechnology, Université de Liège
Title: To be announced


Dr. Alan Goddard
Reader at Aston University, School of Life and Health Sciences
Title: Biotechnology at the cell MemBRane


Aston University
BIRMINGHAM

Discover the Green ERA-Hub's latest series of Breakfast Club sessions, especially for postdoctoral researchers and PhD students who want to broaden their expertise and network with leading experts! For the upcoming trimester (January - March 2024), we are focusing our spotlight on biotechnology as a catalyst for advancing sustainable solutions in the field of the bioeconomy. We look forward to your participation in this exclusive series!

 Mark your calendar: Every month, join us for a stimulating morning session tailored just for you. The Green ERA-Hub Breakfast Club offers access to cutting-edge research insights, invaluable skills and a wealth of funding opportunities.

 Distinguished experts from academia and industry, and esteemed voices from civil society will grace our virtual stage. Don't miss this unique opportunity to connect with senior figures who have pioneered breakthroughs in their respective fields.

 Unveil the Future: Dive into the latest research breakthroughs and sharpen your skill set. Our series of webinars will empower you with the tools and insights you need to thrive in your academic journey.

 Let's Talk to advance Sustainable solutions for Bioeconomy: Our inaugural webinar series kicks off with a deep dive into "Microbial Innovations Driving Circular Economy". Gain insight into these cutting-edge issues that are revolutionising the sustainability of our

bioeconomy.

🕒 All sessions start at 10 am CET – a perfect time to nourish your mind and ignite your intellectual curiosity. Be sure to adjust the timing to your local zone!

**Join the next Breakfast Club on Wednesday,
January 10th!**

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🌐 Registration: [Green ERA-Hub Breakfast Club for Postdocs and PhDs](#)

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New Call for European Research Projects



The partnership AGROECOLOGY, pre-announcement upcoming call on “Fostering agroecology at farm and landscape levels”

The partnership AGROECOLOGY (“European partnership on accelerating farming systems transition –agroecology living labs and research infrastructures”) is pre-announcing an upcoming call for joint European research projects on the preliminary working topic “Fostering agroecology at farm and landscape levels” starting January 2024.

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 **Forward**

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