

PRESS INVITATION

EuroBioRef General Assembly at 48M - February 13th & 14th 2014

RESULTS OF THE EUROBIOREF RESEARCH PROGRAMME

"Invent the biorefinery of the future *through* the transformation of biomass in a logic of sustainable economy"

February 13th and 14th 2014, leading European experts in plant chemistry and related specialties will gather at the Ecole Centrale in Lille for the EuroBioRef General Assembly (EUROpean multilevel integrated BIOREFinery design for sustainable biomass processing). This event concludes 48 months of research of this programme considered one of the most significant European chemistry research projects in terms of partnerships and funding (€38 million, including €23 million allocated by the European Commission under the 7th Framework Programme for European Research and Technological Development). At stake: the emergence of a new European bioeconomy model that is sustainable and generates jobs (200,000 by 2020) > www.eurobioRef.org



Results of the programme at 48 months

Single European press conference

In the presence of Dr. Franck DUMEIGNIL - CNRS
Professor at Université Lille 1 Sciences et Technologies and pilot of the EuroBioRef project

Thursday, February 13th 2014 – 2:00-3:30 p.m.
Ecole Centrale de Lille (map on next page)

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How to replace oil with plants, build a new industrial model and, beyond that, a viable and competitive European bioeconomy?

In the midst of the major technological, economic and societal challenges, EuroBioRef was launched in March 2010 for a period of four years – to conclude on February 28th 2014. **Coordinated in France by the CNRS, it involves 29 European partners from 15 different countries:** SMEs and large companies in the chemical and biochemical industry, such as Arkema and Merck, academics and European organisations.

Dedicated to the development of **next-generation biorefineries**, EuroBioRef has the unique feature of dealing with the entire process of transforming biomass from non-edible crops to final commercial products. EuroBioRef biorefineries will no longer produce waste. Co-products generated after obtaining high added-value chemicals will, in fact, be reused and will reduce the consumption of raw materials, with the first outlet being the **production of high-energy bioaviation fuels**.

The impact of the EuroBioRef project in terms of environmental and socioeconomic benefit is that it should provide a **decisive advantage in the establishment of a European industrial fabric based on renewable resources**. It will also lead to the creation of a strong link between the world of agriculture and the chemical industry. At stake: the creation of **200,000 jobs by 2020 in a bioeconomy representing 2,000 billion euros in Europe**.



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