

Closing the Biomass Gap

Shared solutions to meet biomass demand within planetary boundaries



DRAFT AGENDA Lychen, Germany · 17–19 November 2026

DAY 1 · Tuesday, 17 November | The Biomass Gap

14:00 *Arrival and check-in*

15:00 **Welcome and Introduction**

Ulrike Eppler
Jonas Daldrup
Peter Gerhardt
denkhausbremen project team

15:20 **Biomass Within Planetary Boundaries**
Where sustainable limits lie – and what follows for the bioeconomy.

Joachim Spangenberg
Chair of the Scientific Advisory Board, Friends of the Earth Germany (BUND)

16:00 **The EU Bioeconomy Strategy**
How the European Commission intends to shape the bioeconomy

Mirabela Maria Lupaescu
Policy Officer Bioeconomy, DG Environment, European Commission

16:50 *Coffee break*

17:15 **German Bioeconomy Policy**
The Federal Government's perspective on biomass use and its limits.

Katharina Schwarz
Head of Bioeconomy Division, Federal Ministry for the Environment (BMUKN)

18:00 **Reflections**
First impressions and open questions.

Plenary – all participants

19:00 *Dinner, camp fire and informal exchange*

DAY 2 · Wednesday, 18 November | Ways to Close the Gap

09:00 **Introduction: How Do We Close the Gap?**

denkhausbremen team

09:10 **Do We Need a Biomass Budget?**
Sustainable limits for biomass use – and how to enforce them in the EU Single Market.

Hermann Lotze-Campen
Head of Research Department Climate Resilience, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK)

09:50 **Biomass Availability Scenarios**
Projected EU biomass demand versus sustainable supply – what the data show.

Sarah Mubareka (*tbc*)
Scientific Officer, Forests and Bioeconomy Unit, Joint Research Centre (JRC), European Commission

10:30 **Policy Mix for Land and Biomass Use**
Policies that put planetary boundaries first: the German Environment Agency's perspective, with responses from civil society.

Wiebke Jander and Jens Günther
Research Officers, German Environment Agency (UBA)

Florian Schöne
Managing Director, German League for Nature and Environment (DNR)

Caroline Tiefenbach
Policy Officer Transport and Clean Air, Environmental Action Germany (DUH)

11:30 *Coffee break*

DAY 2 · Wednesday, 18 November | Ways to Close the Gap

11:45	Bioeconomy and the Chemical Industry The EU Bioeconomy Strategy and European lead markets for renewable carbon.	Matthias Held Director Public Affairs Germany, UPM
12:15	From EU Policy to Practice RED III, EUDR, LULUCF, circular economy and bioeconomy policy: do they steer biomass to its best use or pull in different directions?	Sydney Vennin Forest Campaigner, Fern Martin Pigeon (<i>tbc</i>) Forest and Climate Campaigner, Fern
12:45	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00	Biomass from Forests How much can Europe's forests deliver without harming climate and biodiversity?	Karin Åström Ekoskog, Sweden Jens Dörschel Policy and Environment Officer, German Energy Wood and Pellet Association (DEPV) Jana Ballenthien Forest Campaigner, ROBIN WOOD Wolfgang Beck Senior Vice President Global Wood Sourcing, Mercer International
15:40	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16:00	Biomass from Agriculture What reducing livestock could free up – and what it would mean for farmers and land use.	Pierre Johannes Team Lead Land Use, NABU (BirdLife Germany) Wilhelm Klümper Team Lead Climate Policy and Bioeconomy, Agora Agriculture
17:00	Cutting Biomass Demand with Reuse? Does reuse actually cut biomass demand, or merely shift it to other materials?	Sergio Baffoni Senior Campaign Coordinator, Environmental Paper Network (EPN) Larissa Copello Packaging & Reuse Policy Officer, Zero Waste Europe
18:00	Conclusions and Follow-up Key takeaways and next steps.	Plenary – all participants
19:00	<i>Dinner and informal exchange</i>	

DAY 3 · Thursday, 19 November | From theory to practice

07:30	<i>Breakfast</i>	
09:00	Field Visit: Holzindustrie Templin At the sawmill: where the wood comes from, how it is processed, and what rising demand means for the industry.	Registration required
11:35	<i>Departure: train to Berlin from Templin station</i>	