

AGENDA Lychen, Germany · 17–19 November 2026

DAY 1 · Tuesday, 17 November | The Biomass Gap

15:00	*Arrival and check-in*	
16:30	**Welcome and Introduction**	**Ulrike Eppler** **Jonas Daldrup** **Peter Gerhardt** denkhausbremen project team
16:45	**The EU Bioeconomy Strategy** How the European Commission intends to shape the bioeconomy.	**Mirabela Maria Lupaescu** Policy Officer Bioeconomy, DG Environment, European Commission
	Biomass Availability Scenarios Projected EU biomass demand versus sustainable supply – what the data show.	**Anu Korosuo** Project Officer, Knowledge Centre for Bioeconomy Joint Research Centre (JRC), European Commission
18:00	**German Bioeconomy Policy** Perspectives on biomass potential and developments	**Katharina Schwarz** Head of Bioeconomy Division, Federal Ministry for the Environment (BMUKN)
18:30	**End of session**	
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**
09:15	**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	**Putting the bioeconomy in place with strong circular bioeconomy policies** 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)
10:50	*Coffee break*	
11:05	**Chemistry and Renewable Carbon** European lead markets as lever for climate, employment and efficient biomass use.	**Matthias Held** Director Public Affairs Germany, UPM
11:35	**(In)coherence in EU policy** Climate architecture, biodiversity objectives, Renewable Energy targets and Bioeconomy rollout: Why we must prioritise	**Sydney Vennin** Forest Campaigner, Fern
	Policies for Wood Cascading How to balance forests, materials and energy: Insights from economics for a less bureaucratic bioeconomy.	**Harry Schindler** Senior Researcher, German Biomass Research Centre (DBFZ)

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12:25	**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)
13:00	*Lunch*	
14:00	**Biomass from Forests** How much can Europe's forests deliver without harming climate and biodiversity?	**Martin Jentzen** 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	*Coffee break*	
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	**Conclusions and Follow-up** Key takeaways and next steps.	*Plenary – all participants*
19:00	*Dinner and informal exchange*	

DAY 3 · Thursday, 19 November | From Theory to Practice

07:00	*Breakfast*	
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**
10:40	*Departure: shuttle to Prenzlau station from Templin*	

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