

DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

of 13 January 2025

approving the selection process for the members of the working group on Primary Producers of the Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE CIRCULAR BIO-BASED EUROPE

Having regard to the Council Regulation (EU) No 2021/2085¹ of 19 November 2021 establishing the Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking (the ‘CBEJU’), and in particular Article 17(2) (x),

Having regard to the CBE JU Governing Board Rules of Procedure, and in particular Article 11,

WHEREAS:

- (1) Article 17.2 (x) of Council Regulation No 2021/2085 provides that the Governing Board can set up, as required, advisory or working groups, including in collaboration with other joint undertakings, in addition to the bodies of the joint undertaking referred to in Article 14, for a determined period of time and to fulfil a specific purpose;
- (2) Recital (46) of the Council Regulation No 2021/2085 states that the CBE JU should involve a wider range of stakeholders including the primary sector (namely agriculture, aquaculture, fisheries and forestry);
- (3) The CBE JU Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) recognises primary producers as crucial actors in the Bioeconomy and recognises the need to promote their participation in the circular bio-based value chains;
- (4) The Governing Board acknowledges the update of the concept note, endorsed on 25 April 2024 (Ares(2024)3069027), outlining the challenges faced by primary producers and the opportunities offered by circular bio-based innovations financed by the CBE JU and identifying the scope, objectives, type of actors, working procedures, and areas of action that the working group on primary producers could execute to address those challenges and opportunities.

¹ Council Regulation (EU) 2021/2085 of 19 November 2021 establishing the Joint Undertakings under Horizon Europe and repealing Regulations (EC) No 219/2007, (EU) No 557/2014, (EU) No 558/2014, (EU) No 559/2014, (EU) No 560/2014, (EU) No 561/2014 and (EU) No 642/2014, OJ L 427, 30.11.2021, p. 17–119

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Working Group on Primary Producers is established to pursue the following two main objectives:

1. Enhancing the role and support an effective and rewarding engagement of primary producers along the circular bio-based systems and value chains;
2. Ensure that primary sectors benefit from the economic, social and environmental opportunities offered by circular and bio-based innovations and solutions (supported by long-term sustainable and feasible business models).

For this purpose, the updated concept note annexed to this decision is hereby adopted.

Article 2

The process and the specific criteria for the establishment of the CBE JU working group on Primary Producers annexed to this decision and hereby adopted.

Done at Brussels, 13 January 2025

Rob Beekers
Chair of the Governing Board

Annex I: Updated concept note - working group on Primary Producers

Annex II: Process and specific criteria for the establishment of the CBE JU working group on Primary Producers