

## Minutes 3rd Scientific Committee meeting

**Date and venue:** 30 May 2023 (10:00-17:45 CEST), CBE JU premises (Brussels), hybrid meeting

### **PARTICIPANTS:**

**SC members:** Teresa ALVARIÑO, Christian HUYGHE, Lene LANGE, Piergiuseppe MORONE, Merja PENTTILÄ, Yvonne VAN DER MEER, Helena VIEIRA, Jarmila ZIMMERMANNNOVA, Malgorzata ZIMNIEWSKA, Olivier DUBOIS (online), Emmanuel KOUKIOS (online) József POPP (online), Gerhard WEISS (online)

**European Commission (EC):** Pavel MISIGA, (Head of Unit, RTD.B1, online), Petra GOYENS (Deputy Head of Unit RTD.B1, online), Paraskevi FILIPPOUSI (online), Silvia MALTAGLIATI (online), Tomasz CALIKOWSKI (online), Paloma MALLORQUIN, Roman Brenne (RTD.B2)

**Bio-based Industries (BIC):** Dirk CARREZ (Executive Director), Samuele AMBROSETTI, Marco RUPP (online)

**CBE JU:** Nicolo' Giacomuzzi-Moore (Executive Director), Virginia PUZZOLO (Head of Programme), Pilar LLORENTE RUIZ DE AZUA and Lucia FERNANDEZ MARTINEZ (SC Secretariat) and other CBE JU colleagues.

### **Agenda item 1: Opening**

#### **Helena Vieira (SC Chair)**

Ms. Vieira welcomed all SC members and participants from EC, BIC and CBE JU programme office, and highlighted the importance of meeting in person for the first time since the establishment of CBE JU. She emphasized the important role of the SC members in providing advice to key programming strategic documents, such as the multi-annual programming document (MAP) and the first draft topics list of the Annual Work Programme (AWP) 2024 and giving recommendations on CBE JU programme implementation.

### **Agenda item 2: Welcome speeches**

**Nicolo' Giacomuzzi-Moore (CBE JU Executive Director), Pavel Misiga (European Commission, RTD Head of unit B1) and Dirk Carrez (Executive Director of BIC)** stressed the central role of bioeconomy in the current EU agenda and highlighted how the bio-based economy contributes greatly to the European Green Deal, but also has the potential to address the other ongoing crises and sustainability challenges, as well as to increase competitiveness, resilience, autonomy and regional development. The important advancement of the bio-based industries in Europe in the last 10 years was recalled, emphasizing the need of investing in innovation accelerating the market update.

### **Agenda item 3: Adoption of the minutes of the last meeting, confirmation of confidentiality and no Col and review of the “points for action” from the previous meeting**

The SC Chair explained that the two action points had been completed, and the minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> SC meeting were adopted. The agenda for the 3<sup>rd</sup> SC meeting was adopted.

No conflicts of interests were raised.

### **Agenda item 4: Update on MAP and follow up on the advice provided by SC**

EC (RTD.B1) and BIC participants delivered a joint presentation on how the recommendations from the SC had been considered and incorporated in the revised version of the Multi-annual Programming document (MAP), explaining the rationale for (not) accepting the inputs provided during the consultation in Q1 2023.

### **Agenda item 5: Synergies and complementarities with other Horizon Europe parts and other EC instruments on Circular Bioeconomy**

EC (RTD. B4 and AGRI.F2) presented an overview of the objectives and activities of the Horizon Europe Missions “Oceans” and “Soil”, respectively, including the respective Manifestos and the calls in areas relevant to CBE JU. A discussion followed on how to establish or improve synergies of CBE JU with existing mechanisms on the Bioeconomy.

### **Agenda item 6: Brief Presentation of list of topics of AWP2024**

EC (RTD.B1) and (BIC) presented the rationale behind the first draft list of topics for AWP2024 explaining these topics in relation to the MAP trajectories. It was stressed that the number of topics is larger than it will be in the final AWP2024, as at least 2 extra topics are included for each type of actions. SC members are, therefore, involved at the stage of selection and prioritization of the topics.

### **Agenda item 7: SC advice on first draft of AWP2024 topics’ list**

Helena Vieira, SC Chair, presented a summary of the SC individual comments to the first draft of the AWP 2024 list of topics. She thanked the Programme Office for the information at the beginning of the year about the overall year timeline for consultation, which allows SC members to know in advance the consultation periods and better plan to engage in due time. The presentation was followed by a discussion on general comments to AWP2024 and comments per type of action.

### **Agenda item 8: Update from CBE JU: programme progress**

Nicolo Giacomuzzi-Moore (CBE JU Executive Director) and Virginia Puzzolo (CBE JU Head of Programme) presented the main achievements since last meeting, including the main highlights of the Annual Activity Report 2022 on governance, deployment groups, programme management, administration and finance, communication activities, widening strategy and the 2022 call statistics and results after the conclusion of GAP.

### **Agenda item 9: Update from BIC on CBE JU related activities**

Dirk Carrez (BIC Executive Director) presented an update on BIC activities, including evolution in membership, BIC country reports, the Open Innovation competition, ongoing activities with investors, initiatives to increase societal engagement and educational activities.

### **Agenda item 10: Update from EC on CBE JU related activities**

EC (DG RTD.B2) presented an update on Bioeconomy policies, with a focus on the Bioeconomy Council conclusions. The AGRI FISH council (23 April 2023) acknowledged the central role of a sustainable bioeconomy for the climate and the environment, and for achieving the objectives of the European Green Deal and its strategies, as in particular the key role of research and innovation and Horizon Europe, including European research and innovation partnerships such as the Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking (CBE JU).