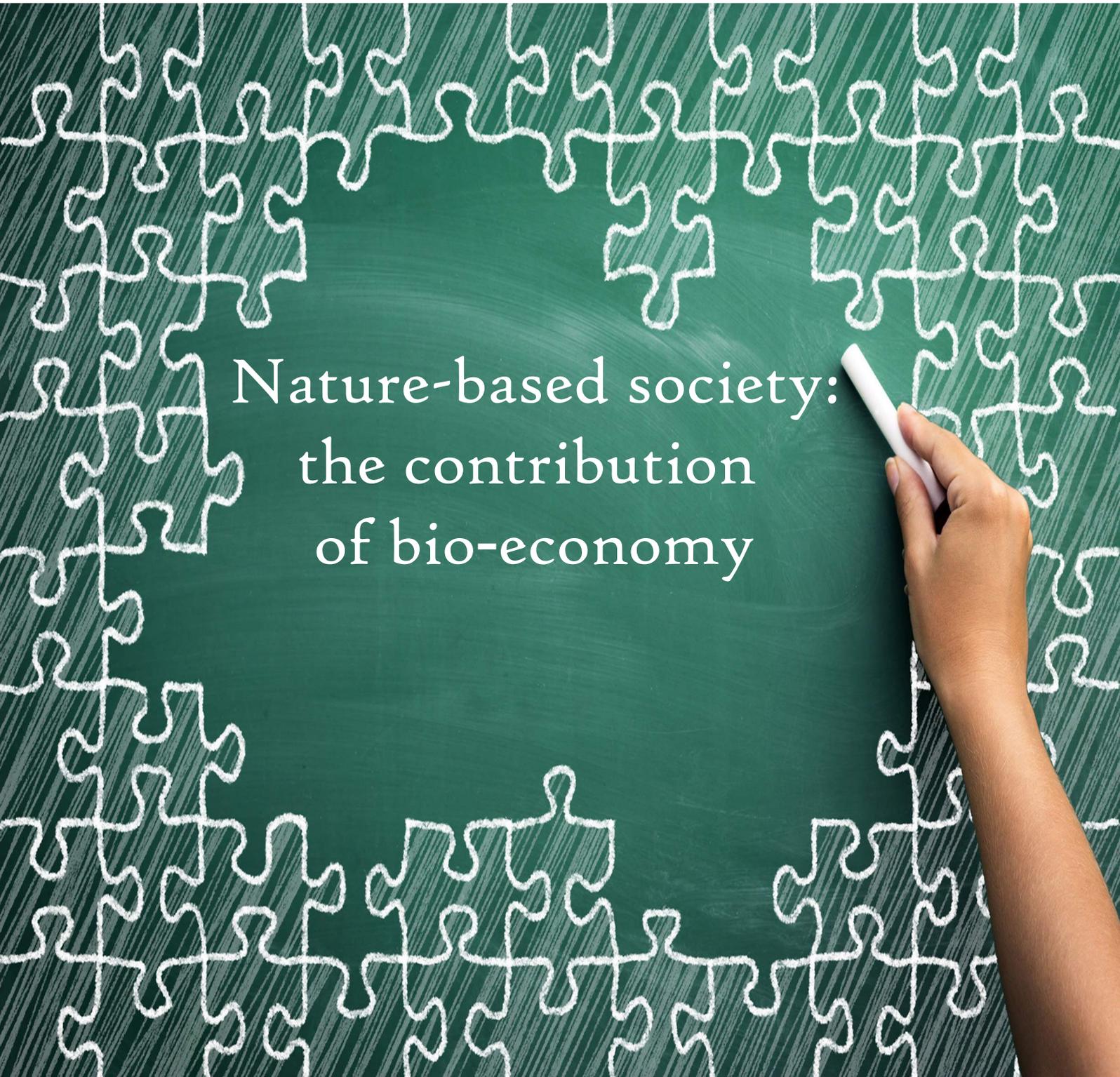




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## Nature-based society – the contribution of bio-economy

### Rationale

Mankind is facing a grand challenge which entail a paradigmatic shift to a new way to intend economy: a bio-economy which for a large proportion draws its resources from living nature (biomass, 'green resources', marine resources), as an integral part of a green, sustainable and circular economy.

The transition towards a bio-economy holds a great potential in terms of economic growth, rural development and decreasing fossil dependence, but requires tackling of many challenges at many levels.

To do so and to provides environmental and socio-economic benefits for European citizens, it is mandatory to increase the competitiveness of Europe and contributes to establish Europe as a key player in research, demonstration and deployment of advanced bio-based products and biofuels.

In the process towards the definition and launch of the Ninth Framework Program of the European Union, a reflection among Institutions and Research Organizations at European level on the future research developments in support to policy, in particular addressing bio-economy, is urgently needed.

The event aims at debating on the relevance of bio-economy in the European scenario, in particular addressing the role of Science & Technology in fulfilling the societal needs mitigating the risks which possibly arise from a new way to intend economy. Speakers and panelists will be invited to discuss different visions, roles and impacts of bio-economy. In particular, the debate will address the role of EU institutions, Member States, industry, research and civil society in shaping the future towards a nature-based society.

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6<sup>th</sup> June 2018, 18:30 – 20:00, Room A3G-2

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18:30 – 18:40 Welcome

**Patrizia Toia** – Vice President ITRE Committee MEP

**Massimo Inguscio** – President of the National Research Council of Italy

**Jean-Eric Paquet** – Director General DG RTD (*tbc*)

18:40 – 19:20 European policy supporting bio-economy

**Chair:** Fabio Fava, Italian Representative, Horizon2020 SC2 Programming Committee & States Representatives Group of PPP Biobased Industry (BBI JU)

**John Bell** – Director Dir F – Bio-economy - DG RTD: “The Vision of DG RTD”

**Pierre Bascou** – Director Dir D – Sustainability and income support - DG AGRI: “The Vision of Bio-economy within CAP”

**Philippe Mengal** – Executive Director, BBI JU: “The Vision of a Public-Private Partnership”

**Heather McKhann** – Head of Secretariat - JPI FACCE: “The Vision of a Public-Public Partnership”

19:20 – 19:50 Solutions towards nature based society

**Nelo Emerencia** – Director Programming, BIC Consortium: “How the industry sector approaches a transformation of the productive system”

**Francesco Loreto** – Department Director, CNR: “How research can entangle economic and environmental sustainability”

**MJ (Maria) Barbosa** - Wageningen University & Research: “The role of education in transforming the society”

19:50 – 20:00 Conclusion

**Simona Bonafè** – Member ENVI Committee MEP

**Phil Hogan** - Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development

20:00 – 22:00 Networking Cocktail