



The conference is in cooperation with EURAGRI

## EURAGRI Conference 2018: Cross Sectoral Opportunities in the Bio-economy and the Implementation of the SDGs

24th-25th of September 2018

Since the UN adopted the global sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for 2016 –2030 - 2050, they have become a core concept of European and national funding strategies. Science, technology and research within the field of the bio-economy and the agro, food, aqua, and forest sector(s) are vital means to reach the SDGs.

The Norwegian Research Council and EURAGRI invite you to address the various dimensions of SDGs and their implementation in research and innovation.

We wish among other concerns to discuss the following questions:

- What are the appropriate instruments and processes needed for the European research system to address the challenges?
- How do we know that the approaches chosen are relevant?
- How do we coordinate approaches with important actors outside the research system?
- How can we include an improved and a continued reflexivity function into the overall process?

## Day 1: Monday 24th September

08:30-09:00	<b>Registration, coffee</b>
09:00-09:15	Welcome Pascal Bergeret, President of EURAGRI The Research Council of Norway
09:15-10:00	Opening Addresses <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hanne Yssen Director General, Ministry of Agriculture and Food</li> <li>2. Fridtjof Fossum Unander, Executive Director, The Research Council of Norway</li> <li>3. Nils Vagstad, Managing Director, Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research</li> </ol>
10:00-10:30	<b>Coffee</b>
10:30-12:00	Session 1: Key Note Speeches <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the contribution of bioeconomy research in SDGs –challenges in implementation; Wayne Powel, CEO Scotland’s Rural College</li> <li>2. Reflections on the opportunities in the bioeconomy from a climate perspective; Staffan Laestadius, Senior Advisor, KTH Royal Institute of Technology</li> <li>3. SDGs implications for funding and evaluation – the EU-COM’s perspective</li> </ol>
12:00-13:00	<b>Lunch</b>
13:00-18:00	<b>Excursion</b> Center for precision agriculture at Kapp
18:00-19:30	General Assembly (EURAGRI members only)
19:30	<b>Aperitif and dinner</b>

## Day 2: Tuesday 25th September

08:00-08:30	<b>Coffee</b>
08:30	<b>Welcome Day 2</b>
08:30-09:00	Setting the stage - reporting from EURAGRI workshop “The SDGs – the European research and societal impact challenges, with special reference to agro-food and the bio-economy”
09:00-10:30	Session 2: Key Note Speeches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cross sectorial opportunities and challenges in addressing the SDGs – the green and the blue; Margareth Øverland, Centre Director "Foods of Norway", Professor Norwegian University of Life Sciences</li> <li>• Links between research and development; Patrick Caron, Chairman, CIRAD</li> <li>• Agency and governance – quality of institutions, Sida</li> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> </ul>

10:30-11:00	<b>Coffee</b>
11:00-12:00	Breakout sessions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cross sectorial opportunities and challenges in addressing the SDGs</li> <li>2. Links between research and development</li> <li>3. Agency and governance – quality of institutions</li> </ol>
12:00-13:00	<b>Lunch</b>
13:00-13:30	Reporting from breakout sessions
13:30-14:30	Panel Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corporate responsibility</li> <li>• Development aid ministry</li> <li>• Ray Jordan, CEO, Gorta Self Help Africa, NGO</li> <li>• Role of bioeconomy research</li> </ul>
14:30-15:00	Rounding up and closing

**Venue:** [Scandic Oslo Airport Hotel](#)

**Registration:** Please register <https://forskingsradet.pameldingssystem.no/euragriconference2018#/home> or browse EURAGRI Conference 2018

**Contact:** Bettina Heiman, [bhe@bio.aau.dk](mailto:bhe@bio.aau.dk), (+45) 2135 7594

**Photo front page:** The HUGINogMUNIN drone, developed by Centre for Precision Agriculture at NIBIO.  
Photo: Morten Günter, NIBIO



The Research Council of Norway is a national strategic and funding agency for research activities. The Council serves as a chief source of advice on and input into research policy for the Norwegian Government, the central government administration and the overall research community. Moreover, the Research Council works together with research institutions as well as the private and public sectors to enhance financial and quality targets in Norwegian research and innovation activities. The Research Council provides a central meeting place for those who fund, carry out and utilize research and works activity to promote the internationalization of Norwegian research. For more information: [www.rcn.no](http://www.rcn.no)



EURAGRI is a not-for-profit organization that acts as a forum for representatives from public research and innovation institutes, universities, funding bodies and ministries engaged in research and innovation in the agri-food sector and the broader bioeconomy. It encourages and stimulates debate on relevant research and innovation policy issues of strategic importance on EU, member state and organizational level. For more information: [www.euragri.aau.dk](http://www.euragri.aau.dk)