

## Highlights of Bioenergy Research 2020

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### Abstract

## ERA-NET Bioenergy - Pulling bioenergy research together

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ERA-Nets (European Research Area Networks) aim to improve cooperation and coordination of national and regional R&D support programmes. ERA-NET Bioenergy is concerned with energy production from biomass and targets to enhance European research cooperation and coordination in this field by way of networking of the relevant R&D programmes of national governments.

ERA-NET Bioenergy started in October 2004 with founding members from Austria, Finland, Germany, The Netherlands, Sweden and United Kingdom. Since January 2011, ERA-NET Bioenergy is a self-sustained network with a clear focus on joint calls for R&D proposals.

Bioenergy Sustaining the Future (BESTF3) is a European initiative which aims to encourage the scaling-up and commercialisation of bioenergy technologies and increase renewable energy production across the EU. From 2016 to 2020, the ERA-NET Bioenergy initiative is cooperating with the ERA-NET Cofund BESTF3 which targets to kick-start large scale investment in close-to-market implementations of bioenergy. Over a duration of 5 years, both ERA-NETs share joint call implementation and dissemination activities, aiming to bring together demonstration and research and encouraging collaborative projects across the entire TRL spectrum.

So far the ERA-NET Bioenergy network has launched 13 joint calls for proposals, usually one per year, funding almost 60 transnational projects. The last calls focused on Bioeconomy; the next call is under discussion. ERA-NET Bioenergy is a stable initiative, providing a great opportunity to funding of consortia from the current partner countries: Austria, Switzerland, Germany, Poland, the Netherlands, Sweden, UK; due to strong links to Finland, funding is possible for Finnish researchers as well. ERA-NET Bioenergy welcomes interest from funding agencies from other countries to participate in the network as well!

The presentation will highlight key achievements of the network.

More information about the event, photos and presentation slides are available for download:  
<https://nachhaltigwirtschaften.at/en/iea/events/2020/20200124-highlights-bioenergy-research.php>