Experiences of rural bioeconomy ‘practitioners’

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• uniting members, promoting their interests and representing them on all policy levels
• offering education and information
• stimulating initiatives related to improving production, supply, sales and stimulating services
• assisting members in taking a new direction and innovating their business
• facilitating participation in different projects
• guiding local authorities and citizens to discover and meet challenges in their villages

members: 16,000 active farmers and horticulturists in Flanders
The circular bio-society

FOOD

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BIO-BASED PRODUCTS

BIO-ENERGY
Hemp in a box
Biomass hubs

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Integrated biorefineries
Bioeconomy challenges

• Start from waste instead of raw materials
  – Most efficient - cascade principle
  – More difficult in terms of logistics, stable product properties, constant supply
  – More difficult in terms of legislation

• Stabilized sales required
  – Stimulate market demand
  – Public awareness campaigns
  – Understandable standards or labels for bio-based products
Take home messages

– Integrate primary production (farmers and forest owners) in the bioeconomy value chains

– Promoting all types of transfer of knowledge and advisory services on the bioeconomy to all stakeholders

– Regulatory and policy stability – better policy coherence and coordination – reduction of restrictive legislation
Thank you for your attention