

Towards a sustainable bio-based society: aligning scientific, cultural and societal agendas for bio-innovation

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This event will take place on **6-7 December 2012** at **Pakhuis de Zwijger, Amsterdam, Netherlands**.

Registration deadline 26 November 2012

Early bird Registrations until 18 October 2012

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Scope

The transformation towards a sustainable bio-based society is one of the big challenges of our era. It has been called a "second" industrial revolution and a "greening" of industry, entailing a plethora of promises as well as concerns. Regions and nations are facing important opportunities, but also potential items of conflict. There is a general awareness that a solid societal embedding is of key importance, so as to forego the biotech debacle of the 1990s. Both scientific and societal agendas are redefined in the light of these challenges and prospects, closely related to emerging bio-based economies and industries, aiming to develop more sustainable forms of energy, food, and bio-based renewable materials. A successful transformation calls for a close alignment of research, policy and industrial agendas.

The conference series brings together key experts from academia, industry and policy, from the life sciences, the social sciences and the humanities, to deliberate a common agenda for research. This conference is an inaugural event, meant as a kick-off for the ESF Conference Series devoted to this topic.

Invited speakers will include

David Castle, University of Edinburgh, UK | **Ruth Chadwick**, Cardiff University, UK | **George Gaskell**, London School of Economics, UK | **Christine Hauskeller**, University of Exeter, UK | **Patricia Osseweijer**, Delft University of Technology, NL | **Jan van Hest**, Radboud University Nijmegen, NL | **Steve Yearley**, University of Edinburgh, UK | **Hub Zwart**, Radboud University Nijmegen, NL

How to participate?

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Applications for Posters & Talks

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The deadline for applications is the **30th September**. You will be informed of the outcome of the selection by email around the **8th October**.

Only attendants who were selected for a poster or a short talk will have a chance to get a grant.

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