



## **Building the bioeconomy: insights from European strategies**

**7 June, 2016 at 12:00 – 17:15, Grand Marina Congress Center, Helsinki  
Programme**

**Organizer:** [European Forest Institute](#)

**Chair:** *Göran Persson, ThinkForest President and Esko Aho, EFI Strategic Advisor*

**12:00 Opening**

*Marc Palahí, Director, European Forest Institute (EFI)*

*Göran Persson, ThinkForest President*

**12:10 Role of the forest-based bioeconomy**

*Olli Rehn, Minister of Economic Affairs, Finland*

*Ibrahim Baylan, Minister for Policy Coordination and Energy, Sweden*

**12:40 Questions & Answers**

**12:55 EU views on bioeconomy strategy**

*Thomas Arnold, Adviser 'Sustainable Bioeconomy', DG Research and Innovation, European Commission*

*Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, MEP, European Parliament*

**13:40 Insights from the Global Bioeconomy Summit for future strategies**

*Christine Lang, Prof., Chair of the German Bioeconomy Council*

**14:00 Science perspective on bioeconomy strategies**

*Markku Ollikainen, Professor University of Helsinki & Chair of the Finnish Climate Change Panel*

**14:20 Coffee**

**14:50 Panel discussion: "Building the Bioeconomy: which strategies and policies are needed?"**

*Moderator: Marc Palahí, Director, European Forest Institute*

*Esko Aho, EFI Strategic Adviser*

*Christine Lang, Chair of the German Bioeconomy Council*

*Markku Ollikainen, Professor University of Helsinki & Chair of the Finnish Climate Change Panel*

*Göran Persson, ThinkForest President*

*Sofia Santos, Secretary General, BCSD Portugal*

**15:50 Concluding statement**

*Esko Aho and Göran Persson*

**16:00-17:15 Networking event with wine and snacks**