RENEWABLE MATERIALS CONFERENCE 2026

22–24 September • Siegburg/Cologne

WORKSHOPS DAY 1
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11:30 to 13:00

1

Berend Breman, Patrick Kohl
Peterson Solutions (DE)
From Compliance to Market Access: Certification for Renewable Materials 101

2

14:30 to 16:00

1

Sarah Bernhardt, Lukas Horndasch, Henrik Basche
PtX Lab Lausitz (DE)
Assessing Market-Pull Instruments for the EU Chemical Industry

2

Yvonne van der Meer (Moderator), Seunghye Lee, Alonso Albalate Ramirez (Speakers)
Utrecht University (NL)
Advancing LCA: Circularity of Bio-based Materials and the Microplastics Challenge

16:30 to 18:00

1

Matthias Stratmann and Ángel Puente
nova-Institute (DE)
Getting LCA Right for Renewable Carbon: Methodology Challenges in Recycling and CCU

2

Martin Clemesha, **Braskem (BR/NL)**
Lara Dammer, **nova-Institute (DE)**
Creating a Balanced Regulatory Framework Between Renewable Energy and Materials

WORKSHOPS DAY 2
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9:20 to 10:50

1

Kim Schoppink
Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) (UK)
From Ambition to Action: The New SBTi Corporate Net-Zero Standard

2

Asta Partanen, Verena Roberts, Anke Schwarzenberger, Christopher vom Berg
Renewable Carbon Initiative (EU)
Raising Awareness of Renewable Carbon – Global Developments and Communication Strategy

11:20 to 12:50

1

Pauline Ruiz & Asta Partanen, **nova-Institute (DE)**
Miriam Weber & Christian Lott, **Hydra Marine Science (DE)**
Rethinking Plastics in Agriculture and Forestry: The Role of Biodegradable Materials

2

Sarah Refai, Peter Stoffels
CLIB – Cluster Industrial Biotechnology (DE)
How to turn Lignin Valorisation into Success - Workshop hosted by the EU Projects COUNTLESS and LIGNOFUN

14:10 to 15:40

1

Janine van Kampen
Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate (NL)
Policy Options for Sustainable Carbon

2

Andreas Künkel & Patrizia Marie Schmidt, **BASF (DE)**
Miriam Weber & Christian Lott, **HYDRA (DE)**
Quantitative Assessment of Biodegradable Materials in LCIA: Challenges and Solutions

WORKSHOPS DAY 3
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9:20 to 10:50

1

Michael Carus, Narendar Poranki and Olaf Porc
Renewable Carbon Initiative (RCI)
Carbon Flows Update 2026, Compilation of Supply and Demand of Fossil and Renewable Carbon for the Chemicals and Derived Materials on a Global and European level

2

Hans-Peter Heim, Victoria Goetjes, Marco Klute
University of Kassel (DE)
BeBio2: Durability of Bioplastics for Use in Technical Plastic Products – Overview and Discussion

11:20 to 12:50

1

Guillermo A. Reyes Torres
VTT (FI)
CO_2 Mineralisation as a Cross-sector Platform Chemistry: Functional Coatings, Carbon-storing Construction Materials, and Industrial Side-stream Valorisation

2

Chiara Bearzotti
European Bioplastics (DE)
Rethink the Circularity of Your Products! From Biodegradability to Recyclability: Innovators Prove You Can Have Both.

Due to high demand, we have opened a third room for workshops. All slots are still available.

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9:20 to 10:50	3	Tanja Meyer, European Project Coordinator **Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant (BE)** Making bio-based textiles competitive: policy levers for industrial scale-up and market uptake
11:20 to 12:50	3	
14:10 to 15:40	3	

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11:20 to 12:50	3	Wenda Van Uffelen **TÜV Austria (BE)** From Certified Products to Trusted ESG Reports: The Hidden Value of Product Certification

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09:00	Opening
11:00	Coffee Break
12:50	Lunch Break, Networking & Poster Session
16:00	Coffee Break
18:00	End of Program
18:00	Panel Discussion (until 19:00)

11:30 –18:00 | Small Hall | Fine Chemicals

11:30	Opening
12:50	Lunch Break, Networking & Poster Session
16:00	Coffee Break

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9:00–18:00 | Grand Hall | Fossil-free Plastics

09:00	Opening
10:50	Coffee Break
12:40	Lunch Break, Networking & Poster Session
15:50	Coffee Break
16:20	Innovation Award
18:00	End of Program

09:00 –15:50 | Small Hall | Fossil-free Plastics

09:00	Opening
10:50	Coffee Break
12:40	Lunch Break, Networking & Poster Session
15:50	Coffee Break

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9:00–16:00 | Grand Hall | Policy & Framework

09:00	Opening
10:50	Coffee Break
12:40	Lunch Break & Networking
15:50	Final get-together
16:00	End of Program

09:00 –15:50 | Small Hall | Biodegradation

09:00	Opening
10:50	Coffee Break
12:40	Lunch Break & Networking