

## Conference:

# Resource Efficiency in Practice - Closing Mineral Cycles Effectively Addressing the Nutrient Surplus in Europe

09:00 – 17:00, Tuesday, 18 November 2014

Halles des Tanneurs, Rue des Tanneurs 58, 1000 Brussels – Belgium

The final policy conference aims to present the results of the project “Resource Efficiency in Practice - Closing Mineral Cycles”, which is supported by the European Commission, DG Environment. The event seeks to highlight best practices and solutions at the regional and farm levels and embed these findings in the wider picture also addressing the legal framework and actions beyond the farm level. The project findings and relevant issues will be discussed with relevant stakeholders, including representatives of the European Parliament, European Commission, farmer unions and advisory services, NGOs, member states and regional authorities, as well as representatives from academia.

## Agenda

**Event facilitator:** Peter Woodward, independent moderator, Quest Associates

09.00	<b>Registration and coffee</b>
09.30	<b>Welcome and introductory remarks</b> <i>Shailendra Mudgal, BIO by Deloitte- presenting aims and wider context of the study</i>
	<b>Addressing the nutrient challenge – the EU perspective</b> <i>Claudia Olazabal, Head of Unit B.1, DG Environment, European Commission</i>
<b>Theme 1: Challenges at the farm level and possible solutions</b>	
10.15	<b>The project results</b> <i>Kurt Muehmel, BIO by Deloitte</i>
	<b>Table discussion and Q &amp; A for clarification</b>
11.00	<b>Refreshments</b>
11.30	<b>National perspectives</b>
	<b>5-minute national ‘impact insights’</b>
	<i>Tommy Dalgaard, Danish DNMARK research alliance – Insights from Denmark</i>
	<i>Dr. Francisco M. del Amor Saavedra, Instituto Murciano de Investigación y Desarrollo Agrario y Alimentario (IMIDA) – Insights from Murcia, Spain</i>
	<i>Thierry Coué, President of the Fédération Régionale des Syndicats d'Exploitants Agricoles, Bretagne – Insights from the Brittany region, France</i>
<i>Prof. Giorgio Provolo, Dipartimento di Scienze Agrarie e Ambientali, Università degli Studi di Milano - Insights from the Lombardy region, Italy</i>	
<i>Ottilia Thoreson, WWF Baltic Ecoregion Programme – Challenges and Solutions in the Baltic Sea region</i>	

	<p><b>Table discussions:</b> <i>How do we maximise the value of the project approach and regional/national solutions presented in delivering change at the farm level?</i></p> <p><b>Groups discuss and identify ideas</b></p> <p><b>Feedback to plenary panel for comment</b></p>
12.50	LUNCH
<b>Theme 2: Harnessing cooperation and joint actions to address nutrient surplus at the farm level</b>	
13.40	<p><b>Cooperation and joint actions – principles and opportunities</b> <i>Jane Mills, CCRI, University of Gloucestershire</i></p> <p><b>Water resources management in cooperation with agriculture</b> <i>Hubertus Schültken, Lower Saxony Water Management, Coastal Defence and Nature Conservation Agency, Germany</i></p> <p><b>Solving water problems in cooperation with the water board - trade off between agricultural efforts and gains</b> <i>Wouter de Buck, Netherlands Water Partnership</i></p> <p><b>Encouraging cooperation between multiple stakeholders in Ireland</b> <i>Dr David P. Wall, Soils and Land-Use Dept., Teagasc Crops, Environment and Land Use Programme, Ireland</i></p> <p><b>Discussion with participants</b></p>
15.00	Refreshments
<b>Theme 3: Closing the nutrient cycles – Future opportunities and challenges</b>	
15.30	<p><b>Stakeholder-Panel discussion on future opportunities and challenges to close nutrient cycles</b> <i>Ignacio Seoane, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission</i></p> <p><i>Tania Runge, Senior Policy Advisor, COPA-COGECA</i></p> <p><i>Ottilia Thoreson, WWF Baltic Ecoregion Programme – Challenges and Solutions in the Baltic Sea region</i></p> <p><i>Andrea Vittori, DG Environment, European Commission</i></p> <p><b>Table discussions to identify recommendations for future action</b></p> <p><b>Feedback to plenary panel for discussion</b></p>
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