



FOSTERING SUSTAINABLE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE BALTIC SEA REGION AND UKRAINE

Dear colleagues,

Policy Areas Nutri and Bioeconomy invite you to take part in an online key-stakeholder workshop “**Ukrainian ecosystem and economy**” on 8 December 2022 at 14.00-15.30 (CET).

The workshop is part of an online conference, organized by the Swedish Presidency of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR). The conference will gather participants from the Baltic Sea Region, Ukraine and the EU Strategy for Danube Region for a discussion on **how the EUSBSR can promote cooperation to support the recovery of Ukraine**. Please find the conference programme attached.

To register for the workshop you click here, <https://forms.office.com/r/0biGuAJHR7>

THEME OF THE WORKSHOP: **Ukrainian ecosystem and economy – Circular bioeconomy and the sustainable use of natural resources in rebuilding of Ukraine**

Circular bioeconomy and the sustainable use of renewable natural resources can play a key role in supporting Ukraine in rebuilding their environment, their critical utilities and infrastructure, and their economy. With presentations by key stakeholders from the Baltic Sea Region as well as by officials from Lviv, Ukraine, and the State Agency of Water Resources of Ukraine on water and wastewater management during the war, we look forward to valuable discussions and knowledge sharing, and to making useful introductions.

Who are the target groups for this workshop?

State agencies, regional authorities, municipalities, researchers, NGOs, business with know-how about water, wastewater or nutrient recycling (for example), and bioeconomy, funders from the Baltic Sea region, stakeholders from the Danube region.

What is expected from you as a participant?

After brief presentations of the topic, we will discuss what are the Ukrainian needs now regarding their critical utilities and infrastructure and what kind of cooperation around sustainable development could be fostered in the future.

What are possible outcomes of the workshop?

- Develop initiatives with Ukrainian interest in focus
- Start forming a partnership for a joint platform for collaboration

Ultimately, depending on the willingness of potential partners, we aim at applying for funding for start building the platform for collaboration in the Baltic Sea region and Ukraine on the topic of bioeconomy, water and wastewater management.

Workshop programme

14.00 – 14.10	PA Bioeconomy and PA Nutri introduce themselves, partners and the workshop
14.10 – 14.25	PA Bioeconomy: How circularity and resource management can help rebuild and reframe a sustainable economy for Ukraine going forward
14.25 – 14.30	PA Nutri: brief intro to speakers. Case: Lviv wastewater plant
14.30 – 15.00	Roman Tutskyi, Head of The Basin Department of Water Resources of the Western Bug and the San Rivers: <i>The impact of the war on the management of water resources of the Vistula River basin in the territory of Ukraine</i> Yelizaveta Chernysh, the University of Sumy: <i>Water management in Ukraine and wartime challenges</i> Presentation 3: The authority of the City of Lviv
15.00-15.10	Q&A
15.10-15.30	Cross topic discussions: How can solutions, projects, collaborations, companies etc within bioeconomy and wastewater contribute to bringing Ukraine back on its feet?
15.30	Plenary discussions (with other workshops)
16.00	End of workshop: thank you for attending. Stay in touch.

