



# Fostering grassland opportunities, circular business models and skills for resilient rural communities

Thursday 8 June 2023 | 14:00-16:00 CET | Online event

*Skills for sustainable, resilient, and socially fair communities*

3-11 June 2023

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PARTNER EVENT**

- 14:00 Introduction and objectives of the event**  
Moderator: Susana Garayoa (Zabala Innovation Consulting)
- 14:05 Statement - Inge Van Oost, Policy officer, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission** – 10 minutes
- 14:15 Main findings and policy recommendations from the GO-GRASS White Paper** – 10 minutes  
Philipp Grundmann (GO-GRASS coordinator, ATB - Leibniz Institute for Agricultural Engineering and Bioeconomy)
- 14:25 Breakout sessions - 3 groups addressing responses to specific questions** – 30 minutes:
- Recommendations for technology development, biorefining and skills (facilitator: Uffe Jorgensen, AU; rapporteur: Richard Orozco, ATB)
  - Recommendations for market development, cooperation and funding (facilitator: Karen Thorsted Hamann IFAU; rapporteur: Anna Paulusz, Gate2Growth)
  - Insights from the CAP strategic plans and regulatory barriers (facilitator: María Rosa Mosquera-Losada, USC; rapporteur: Carolyn Brand, Prospex Institute)
- 14:55 Break** – 5 minutes
- 15:00 Following the breakout sessions, rapporteurs present the highlights of the sessions** - 10 minutes
- 15:10 Panel discussion** moderated by Philipp Grundmann (GO-GRASS coordinator, ATB - Leibniz Institute for Agricultural Engineering and Bioeconomy) – 30 minutes
- James Gaffey, Co-Director of the CircBio Research Group at Munster Technology University, and coordinator of the Biorefinery Glas project
  - Rikke Lundsgaard, Agricultural Policy Officer, Danish Society for Nature Conservation
  - Marilda Dhaskali, EU Agriculture & Bioenergy Policy Officer, BirdLife Europe and Central Asia
  - Maria Lubkoll, Project Manager, Landesbauernverband Brandenburg (Farmers Association)
- 15:40 Q&A session with the audience** – 15 minutes
- 15:55 Concluding remarks and GO-GRASS project's next steps** – 5 minutes



**GO-GRASS**  
Grass-based circular business models  
for rural agri-food value chains

