



Horizon 2020



## **Developing and Implementing Sustainability-Based Solutions for Bio-Based Plastic Production and Use to Preserve Land and Sea Environmental Quality in Europe (BIO-PLASTICS EUROPE)**

**BIO-PLASTICS EUROPE** is H2020 funded 4 years project. The project starts **1st of October 2019 and will end 30th of September 2023**. The Project will be mainly focused on the development of sustainable strategies and solutions for bio-based plastic products, as well as the development of approaches focused on circular innovation for the whole bio-plastics system. These may be deployed to support policy-making, innovation and technology transfer.

A set of **10 EU countries (Austria, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Lithuania, Poland, Sweden and Spain) plus Malaysia as a non-EU partner**, will act as 'living laboratories', undertaking innovative, replicable and locally attuned studies and tests on bioplastics, with a systemic impact at the scale of intervention, to identify possible threats which bioplastics use could pose to the terrestrial and aquatic environment. Possible solutions will be co-designed, co-developed and co-implemented in a trans-disciplinary, multi-stakeholder and participatory process.

Apart from the 21 project partners from EU countries and one partner in Malaysia, **16 European cities** members (of which 10 are national capitals) will be part of the of the "**Network of Historic Cities Against Plastics**" will also be involved in the project, with no EU funding.

The **Kick-Off Meeting** will take part on **28th – 29th of October 2019**, in Hamburg (Empire Riverside Hotel), Germany. Please consult the programme below.

### **Venue:**

Empire Riverside Hotel  
Bernhard-Nocht-Straße 97, D- 20359 Hamburg  
<https://www.empire-riverside.de/en/>  
E-mail: [info@empire-riverside.de](mailto:info@empire-riverside.de)

If you plan to attend the event please send your name and contact details to Dr. Jelena Barbir at: **Jelena.Barbir@haw-hamburg.de**.

The deadline for registrations is **30th September 2019**.

# **“BIO-PLASTICS EUROPE”**

## **OPEN KICK-OFF MEETING EVENT**

**Open Kick-Off Meeting event, with politicians, companies and NGOs for public engagement**

### **PROGRAMME**

#### **Tuesday - 29th October 2019**

14.00-14.10- Introduction: the project Bioplastics Europe (Walter Leal, Jelena Barbir, Ivonne Stresius, Arjun Jamil, HAW Hamburg, Germany)

14.10-14.30- Plastics in the Sea: some facts and figures (Lars Gutow, Alfred Wegner Institute, Bremerhafen)

14.30-14.50- Towards efficient plastic recycling and disposal technologies (Zaneta Stasiskiene, KTU, Lithuania)

14.50-15.10- Environmental and economic life cycle assessment of plastic products (Andre Wolf, HWWI, Germany)

15:10-15:40- Break

15.40-16.00- Decoupling plastics production from fossil feed stock (Frank Stelzer, ACIB, Austria)

16.00-16.20- Taking bioplastic properties to new heights (Ari Rosling, ABM Composite, Finland)  
Finland)

16.20-16:40- Fostering the production of bioplastics (Laurent Belard, NaturePlast, France)

16.40-17.00 – Discussion

17:00- The event ends