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# Sachverständigenrat Bioökonomie Bayern

## The council

In March 2015, the Bavarian State Ministry for Food, Agriculture and Forestry appointed the Bioeconomy Council Bavaria as an independent advisory council to support and to foster the development of a Bavarian bioeconomy strategy. The council members represent industry and science by covering a broad field of expertise (e.g. forestry and agriculture, chemistry, biotechnology, food and nutrition, material use of renewable resources, environmental and social ethics). This interdisciplinary knowledge allows for providing recommendations for designing and implementing a bioeconomy strategy.

An office located at the Center of Excellence for Renewable Resources, Straubing, represents the council's operative and coordinative unit.

## The council's activities

The Bavarian Bioeconomy Council supports the development of a sustainable bio-based economy, which contributes to ensuring Bavaria's competitiveness, links creativity and innovation with the responsible use of resources, promotes healthy lifestyles, protects ecosystems and the global climate, and supports rural development.

Therefore, the council develops recommendations for designing and implementing a bioeconomy concept meeting economic, social and ecologic challenges. This requires, among others, the consideration of regionally available resources as well as socio-economic structures and potentials. While considering the EU's and German bioeconomy strategies, a Bavarian strategy will be tailored to the specific regional circumstances. Based on its expertise, the council critically evaluates the conceptual development of the bioeconomy and provides policy consultancy.

Hence, the council generates basic guidelines for a Bavarian bioeconomy strategy and specific position papers concerning priority areas crucial for developing the Bavarian bioeconomy. This inter alia entails sustainable biomass production, research and development, the identification of flagship projects as well as case studies and communication.

This process includes a continuous stakeholder dialogue to ensure the consideration of civil society's bioeconomy-related ideas and concerns. The council members actively engage in the public opinion-forming process with regard to the bioeconomy. This dialogue helps to promote knowledge about the different aspects and advantages of the bioeconomy concept across a broad range of stakeholders.