



**EPOBIO WORKSHOP 2: Products from Plants – from crops and forests to zero-waste biorefineries**

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Dear colleague,

Welcome to the 2007 EPOBIO Workshop.

Enclosed with this welcome are the following:

1. The programme
2. Abstracts from our speakers
3. The most recent EPOBIO reports. These are:
  - Crop platforms for cell wall biorefining – lignocellulose feedstocks
  - Industrial crop platforms for the production of chemicals and biopolymers
  - Oil crop platforms for industrial uses
  - Public attitudes towards the industrial uses of plants: the EPOBIO survey
  - Science communication and the potential of sustainable resources

You will also find the first four of these summarised in separate papers.

All of the reports and their supplementary material, together with the Workshop papers, can also be downloaded from our website – [www.epobio.net](http://www.epobio.net).

The potential of green plants to use solar energy and manufacture raw material feedstocks offers a major way to address issues of paramount importance and to deliver the future needs of society in a sustainable way. Since our 2006 Workshop we have been using the EPOBIO process to provide a framework for validation of research priorities and a thorough evidence base to inform decision-making. We will be reporting on that during the Workshop, setting the future potential of the bioeconomy in the context of relevant regulatory and policy issues, global developments and industrial perspectives on sustainability.

Your involvement in our discussions at the Workshop is very welcome and I look forward to meeting you.

With best wishes,

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