

# Towards Sustainable Bioeconomy

## Towards Bio-Based Finland Course (3 ECTS)

KABI4022-30001 (UTU)

TK00CL91-3001 (ÅAU)

**15-17 May 2023, on-site only**

Pharmacy, Pha2 lecture room

Aurum, Argentum auditorium

Smart Chemistry Park, Raisio

A student participating this course will get knowledge in the basic concepts of bioeconomy and circular economy and will learn about different industrial companies operating in the field in Finland. Moreover, the students will learn about R&D related to bioeconomy and of the transfer of knowledge from academy to industry and back. Working life skills: Students will learn about R&D and operation in different chemical/biochemical industrial companies, operation in different chemical/biochemical industrial companies, and gain valuable information about company activities, start-ups and career possibilities. Direct interaction with industry representatives will stimulate critical thinking, lively discussion and create network with industry professionals. The course includes one-day excursion to the Smart Chemistry Park in Raisio, which is South Western Finland's technology innovation park largely devoted to bioeconomy and cleantech. Bus transportation to Raisio is arranged.

### Academic lecturers

Yagut Allahverdiyeva-Rinne, UTU

Henrik Grénman, ÅAU

Saija Huuskonen, LUKE

Pauli Kallio, UTU

Chunlin Xu, ÅAU

### Industry lecturers

Markus Blomquist FP-Pigments Oy

Andrea Gutierrez, UPM-Kymmene

Reetta Hassinen, Spinnova Oy

Maija Pohjakallio, Metsä Group

Daniel Solymosi, Neste Oy

Mattias Strandberg, CH-Bioforce

Marjaana Suorsa, Finnish Forest Industries Federation

Susanna Wallenius, Neste Oy

The students are expected to keep a learning diary throughout the course and at the end of the course each student is assigned one of the topics to plunge into and to write a final report. The in-depth essay should describe the Finnish as well as global current situation, reflect on the future and include literature search.

The course lasts three full days and requires full attendance but in case of colliding events students need to be in contact with the responsible teachers in advance. The course is intended for advanced Master students as well as for PhD researchers.

### Responsible teachers

Prof. Yagut Allahvediyeva-Rinne ([allahve@utu.fi](mailto:allahve@utu.fi))

Prof. Henrik Grénman ([henrik.grenman@abo.fi](mailto:henrik.grenman@abo.fi))



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## Programme

15 May 2023, Pharmacy 1st floor, Pha2 lecture room

- 09:00 **Yagut Allahverdiyeva-Rinne** and **Henrik Grenman**  
*Welcome words*
- 09:10 **Yagut Allahverdiyeva-Rinne**, University of Turku  
*Photosynthesis at the forefront of a sustainable life*
- Pauli Kallio**, University of Turku  
*Synthetic biology and future industrial biotechnologies*
- 10:30 STRETCH BREAK
- 10:45 **Maija Pohjakallio**, Metsä Group  
*The role of wood-based materials in a regenerative circular economy and Metsä Group's actions on bioeconomy & sustainability*
- 12:15 LUNCH
- 13:00 **Marjaana Suorsa**, Finnish Forest Industries Federation  
*Towards sustainable future – the role of forest industry and its wood-based products*
- Saija Huuskonen**, LUKE  
*Finnish forests as a raw material source for bioeconomy – the past, present and future*
- 15:30 END OF DAY 1

16 May 2023, Aurum 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Argentum auditorium

- 09:00 **Henrik Grénman**, Åbo Akademi University  
*Introduction to ÅAU projects*
- 09:20 **Chunlin Xu**, Åbo Akademi University  
*Biodegradable plastics*
- 09:50 **Reetta Hassinen**, Spinnova  
*Fibers from biomass using novel technology*
- STRETCH BREAK
- 10:45 **Andrea Gutierrez**, UPM-Kymmene  
*Driving cleaner traffic – UPM Biofuels*
- 12:00 LUNCH
- 13:30 **Susanna Wallenius**, Neste Oy  
*Leading the way towards a sustainable future – Neste's renewable solutions*
- Daniel Solymosi**, Neste Oy  
*Algae and industrial wastes as future raw material alternatives*
- 15:30 END OF DAY 2



# Towards Sustainable Bioeconomy

**17 May 2023, Smart Chemistry Park, Raisio**

- 09:00 Bus leaving from Turku cathedral to Smart Chemistry Park, Raisio
- 09:45 Introduction to Smart Chemistry Park, **Reeta Huhtinen**  
CH-Bioforce, **Mattias Strandberg**  
FP-Pigments Oy, **Markus Blomquist**
- 11:30 LUNCH
- 12:30 Site visit to CH-Bioforce facilities
- 14:00 Bus leaving back to Turku
- 14:30 END OF DAY 3

## Welcome!

### Event sites

#### Pharmacy

Pha2 lecture room, 1st floor  
Itäinen Pitkäkatu 4  
20520 Turku

#### Aurum

Argentum auditorium, 1st floor  
Henrikinkatu 2  
20500 Turku

#### Bus pick-up place

Turku cathedral  
Tourist bus stop in front of main entrance  
Tuomiokirkonkatu 1  
20500 Turku

#### Smart Chemistry Park

Raisionkaari 55  
21200 Raisio

