

Workshop

Horizon Scanning for Bioeconomy: Exploring Future Signals

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Horizon scanning is a method for systematic collection and assessment of emerging trends, signals of change, and drivers of future conditions. Instead of predicting the future, working on weak signals and early warnings seeks to widen our radars to alternative future pathways and their possible implications. For background and examples, see the blog text: <https://biogateway.efi.int/horizon-scanning-and-its-role-in-the-bioeconomy/>

This workshop will provide you with a brief introduction to horizon scanning and the initiative developed in collaboration between University of Eastern Finland (UEF) and European Forest Institute (EFI) to establish a regular signals data collection and strong methodological basis for horizon scanning in and for bioeconomy.

In the workshop we will work in small groups to assess a predefined set of signals for their implications for bioeconomy research and education. The workshop is open for anybody interested in future-oriented methods – prior knowledge on horizon scanning is not required but an open mind to explore the opportunities and challenges ahead.

There are limited seats for the workshop (max. 20 participants).