



Dear States' Representatives Group,  
Dear European Commission, Circular Bio-based Europe and Bio-based  
Industries Consortium Representatives,  
Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I am honoured with the trust placed you have placed in me. I would like to thank you for your support and the expressions of your commitment.

The States Representatives Group is one of the 5 main bodies that provides the opinion of EU's Member States and Associated Countries on the operations taken by the CBE JU. We provide our advice on the progress of the programme implementation, the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda, annual work programme and activity report, as well as measures taken to address specific objectives of the initiative and thus we are an important part of balanced and transparent governance of the initiative.

First of all, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the previous Chair and Vice-Chair of the SRG of BBI JU – the predecessor on the success of which the CBE JU was built on, namely, Jose Manuel Gonzales Vincente from Spain and Fabio Fava from Italy – you set the best standards by holding the post of the SRG Chair and I wish to assure you that I shall put all my efforts to continue this approach. I would also like to stress the importance of the role of the former vice Chairs: Niels Gøtke from Denmark and Marta De Diego Zori from Spain, your contribution and commitment to the works of the SRG is invaluable.

I would also like to stress that I am honoured to have Fabio as a vice-Chair. His considerable experience would be of great added value to me acting as a Chair.

I strongly believe that shifting from non-renewable fossil raw materials and minerals to circular bio-based production processes is essential to reach the EU's climate targets as set out in the European Green Deal. And CBE JU has a key role to play here.

I will do my utmost to ensure that the opinions of all SRG members are taken into account in fair, transparent and taking into account the interests of all parties way.

Agata Foks

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