Knowledge Based Bio-Economy towards 2020 conference

turning challenges into opportunities

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working together to address the NEEDS

sustainability and policies

feedstocks for the KBBE

CHALLENGES

increasing GHG emissions

climate change

decline in fresh water

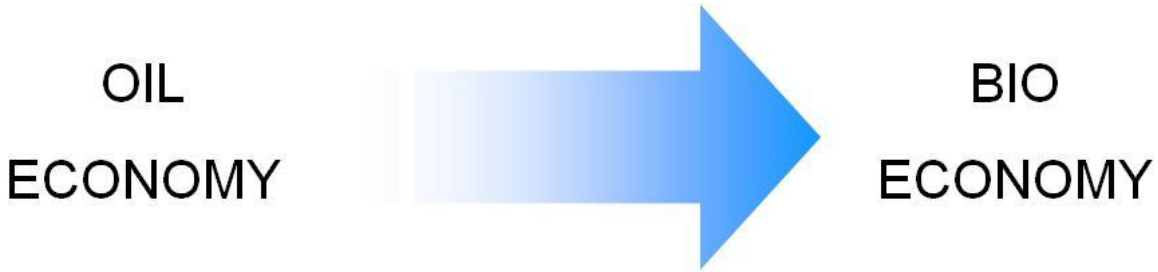
population growth

urbanisation

loss of biodiversity

decline of fossil reserves

SOCIETY IS IN TRANSITION



policies to ensure sustainable use of the land, protect biodiversity and the environment, encourage rural development and best practice in the use of agricultural feedstocks

EC-US TASK FORCE ON BIOTECHNOLOGY RESEARCH

plant-based bioproducts: creating value from renewable resources

SIXTH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME
PRIORITY 8.1 Policy-orientated research
Tools and assessment methods for sustainable agriculture and forestry management
Task 2 - Non-food policy Research

SPECIFIC SUPPORT ACTION

Project acronym: **EPOBIO**

Project full title: **Realising the economic potential of sustainable resources - bioproducts from non-food crops**

a process to ensure sustainable development

in the epobio project, desk researchers identified and integrated the science, technology and supply chains needed for the design, success and sustainability of new bioproducts

support analyses of environmental impacts, the economic and regulatory environments and social attitudes established context

the epobio process – a holistic analysis of the issues to provide a thorough evidence-base to inform decision-making by funding agencies and policy-makers

EC-US Task Force on Biotechnology Research

epobio – selection criteria for priorities

user / consumer benefit
societal benefit across the entire supply chain

scientific challenge
requires large-scale, complementary, multinational input

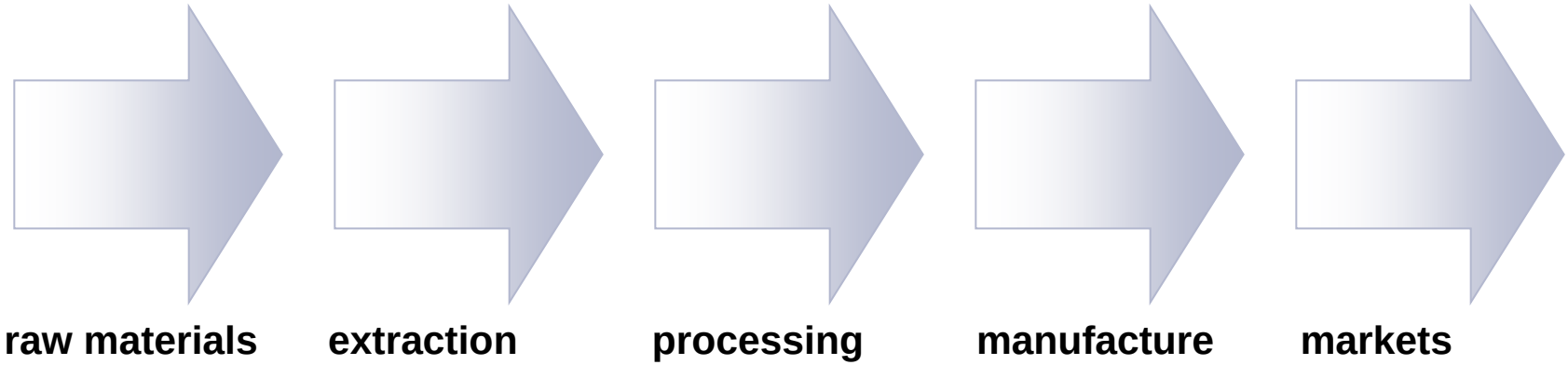
economic benefits and risk analysis
the project as a continuum – research to proof of concept

private sector involvement
pre-competitive, demonstration of value

The Queen's Anniversary Prizes 2006

epobio reports

www.epobio.net



growers of the feedstocks → users of the feedstocks

the need for integrated supply chains

new policy requirements to ensure sustainability across the supply chain

climate change… land availability… virtual water…

the politics of land-use decisions

developed world ⇄ **developing world**

productivity and sustainability

food **animal feed** **chemicals** **materials** **fuel**

sustainability criteria for ALL agricultural production

the knowledge based bio-economy

complementary strategies and technologies

plant production systems

biorefineries

extraction

biocatalysis

fermentation

processing

end-user requirements

pipelines of new products

realising the sustainable use of bio-based feedstocks