

## Press Release

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### Bioeconomy between food and energy crisis - Statement of the Bioeconomy Council

*In its statement from 2 September 2022, the Bioeconomy Council of the Federal Government condemns the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine and points out ways in which the resulting food and energy crises can be alleviated with the help of the bioeconomy.*

Triggered by the Ukraine war, Germany and the world are experiencing a turning point that affects all aspects of sustainable human security. In addition to the already existing global climate and hunger crises, the increasing indebtedness of private households and national economies, and the after-effects of the Corona pandemic, e.g. in the socio-psychological field, this war adds another crisis with global implications. These crises overlap and reinforce each other.

A sustainable bioeconomy can contribute to answering the questions of how the food crisis can be mitigated in the short- and medium- to long-term and how the energy and raw materials transition can succeed. These future tasks require a rapid and comprehensive further development of the bioeconomy as well as its implementation.

With this statement, the Bioeconomy Council provides the German government with recommendations for measures that will enable Germany and Europe to support the supply of food and animal feed in the short-term and stabilise energy supplies. In the medium- and long-term, the aim is to make agricultural production more resilient, to strengthen food sovereignty in Germany, Europe and the Global South, and to reduce dependence on energy and raw material imports.

**You can download the statement here:**

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### Bioeconomy Forum on the design of further recommendations for action

The Bioeconomy Forum conducted by the Bioeconomy Council will be broadcasted live from Berlin on 21 and 22 September 2022. Under the motto "What does the turn of the times mean for the transformation - contributions from the bioeconomy", the interim results of the Bioeconomy Council's work will be presented in panel discussions, interactive plenary sessions and workshops and discussed with participants in various formats.

Further information about the forum and the programme can be found [here](#).

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**About the Bioeconomy Council**

In 2009, the BMBF and the BMEL established a Bioeconomy Council for the first time as an advisory body to the Federal Government. Its task was to provide important suggestions for the National Research Strategy BioEconomy 2030 and the National Policy Strategy BioEconomy. In December 2020, the third Bioeconomy Council was appointed, consisting of 20 experts from science, industry and society. As an independent and neutral body, the Bioeconomy Council will advise the Federal Government on the implementation of the strategy in the form of recommendations and statements, while at the same time promoting public debate on the bioeconomy.