

Foreword

This book is dedicated to the memory of Mr Peter Schintlmeister (Austrian Federal Ministry of Economics, Family and Youth). We were deeply saddened and affected by Peter's death in January 2017. At the time, Peter was chair of the OECD's Working Party on Bio-, Nano- and Converging Technologies (BNCT). He was a stalwart of OECD efforts in industrial biotechnology for several years, and, known throughout Europe and beyond for championing the bioeconomy and the OECD's work in this area.

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- European Commission/OECD: *Present and future policy for bio-based production*, Turin, Italy, 9 October 2014
- Ministry of Science and Higher Education, Government of Poland/OECD: *Opportunities and challenges presented by synthetic biology*, Warsaw, Poland, 25 November 2014
- HUGO/OECD: *Genomics for sustainable development in emerging economies: Health care, food, environment and industry*, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 14 March 2015
- OECD: *The long-term potential of marine biotechnology*, Plentzia, Spain, 29-30 September 2015
- Cluster SPRING/OECD: *Biowaste biorefinery: Biowaste exploitation in multi-purpose biorefinery schemes*, Rimini, Italy, 6 November 2015
- German federal government/OECD: *Bioeconomy policy analysis: Reconciling food and industrial needs*, Berlin, Germany, 26 November 2015
- European Commission/OECD/FAO: *Bioeconomy indicators*, Brussels, Belgium, 14 December 2015
- International Risk Governance Council (IRGC)/OECD: *Adaptive risk governance in synthetic biology*, London, United Kingdom, 8 January 2016
- OECD (TAD and STI): *Innovations in food and agriculture system: Policies to foster productive and sustainable solutions*, Paris, France, 25-26 February 2016
- OECD: *Innovation for a sustainable bioeconomy*, Paris, France, 25 May 2016

- OECD: *Public policy for a sustainable bioeconomy*, Glasgow, United Kingdom, 18 October 2016
- European Commission/OECD: *Biomass supply and demand for a sustainable bioeconomy: Exploring assumptions behind estimates*, Brussels, Belgium, 23 February 2017
- Tekes/Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment of Finland/OECD: *New innovation ecosystems and circular solutions to boost the bioeconomy*, Helsinki, Finland, 7 June 2017
- Cluster SPRING/OECD: *Successful industrial examples of circular bioeconomy in Italy*, Rimini, Italy, 9 November 2017.

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