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Circular Bioeconomy Cluster

Knowledge transfer and experience exchange Strengthening commercial/collaborative alliances

Executive Summary

From October 31 to November 4, German partners of the T+I networks and the University of Queensland met to participate in the international Circular Bioeconomy Cluster Meeting 2022 in Brisbane, Australia. The aim was to present previous projects and first results as well as to identify new international projects in the fields of agriculture, horticulture, digitalization, environment, energy and circular economy.

To this end, two seminar days offered plenty of scope for joint exchange. Thanks to the diverse industry and specialist areas of the 90 participants in total on site as well as digitally connected, engaging conversations and debates could be held on the basis of the presentations and panel discussions.

The agenda also included two excursions. In the Toowoomba region, which is dominated by mining, the opportunity was taken to visit UQ's agricultural trial fields and to exchange ideas with farmers and researchers based there. A visit to Stradbroke Island, the world's second largest sand island, provided an opportunity to deepen the discussed approaches and discuss further innovation potential in a relaxed atmosphere.

The topic of technical, economic prerequisites and requirements for German-Australian R&D projects, particularly with regard to joint project funding, was also present throughout. After the Federal Ministry of Economics and Climate Protection (BMWK) presented the funding opportunities for German partners through the ZIM program, corresponding funding opportunities for Australian partners were discussed. The presentation of the first German-Australian ZIM cooperation project (Green Patch) clearly showed that the cooperation of both countries should be deepened in order to benefit from the synergy effects in the best possible way.

In analogy to the objectives of the LuTraCo program, the focus was also on the creation of new business models and value chains.

We are looking forward to the next steps, the structuring of further project approaches and partner constellations and discussions with potential players, investors and our long-term partner, the IMB/ UQ.

