



European Union ABS User Networking Event

Draft Agenda

Monday 14 June from 14:00-16:00 p.m. (CEST), video conference

Various efforts have been made across the European Union in both the academic and private sectors to support users with ABS and compliance.

This networking event brings different actors together to reflect on the work done so far, to understand the needs of the user community, and to identify the way forward into the future.

Welcome

14:00-14:10 Welcome and overview of the event

- *Amber Scholz, Leibniz Institute DSMZ-German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures (DSMZ)*

What's been done for users across the European Union?

14:10-14:50 Impulse presentations from actors supporting the user community

- *Direct user contacts & web resources, Elizabeth Karger, DSMZ/German Nagoya Protocol HuB*
- *Resources for business and industry, Valerie Normand, Union for Ethical BioTrade*
- *Institutional implementation & best practice, Chris Lyal, The Natural History Museum London*
- *Made-to-measure solutions & EU projects, Thomas Vanagt, ABS-int*

14:50-14:55 Audience poll

User perspectives on ABS, compliance and needs

14:55-15:20 Panel discussion – perspectives from the user community

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Reflection and wrap up

15:20- 16:00 Wrap-up expert panel discussion: “How do we move forward?”

- *Martin Brink, Dutch ABS National Focal Point (hosted by Wageningen University and Research)*
- *Mery Ciacci, European Commission (tbc.)*
- *Thomas Greiber, German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation*
- *Anne Emmanuelle Kervella, European Marine Biological Resource Centre (EMBRC- ERIC)*