

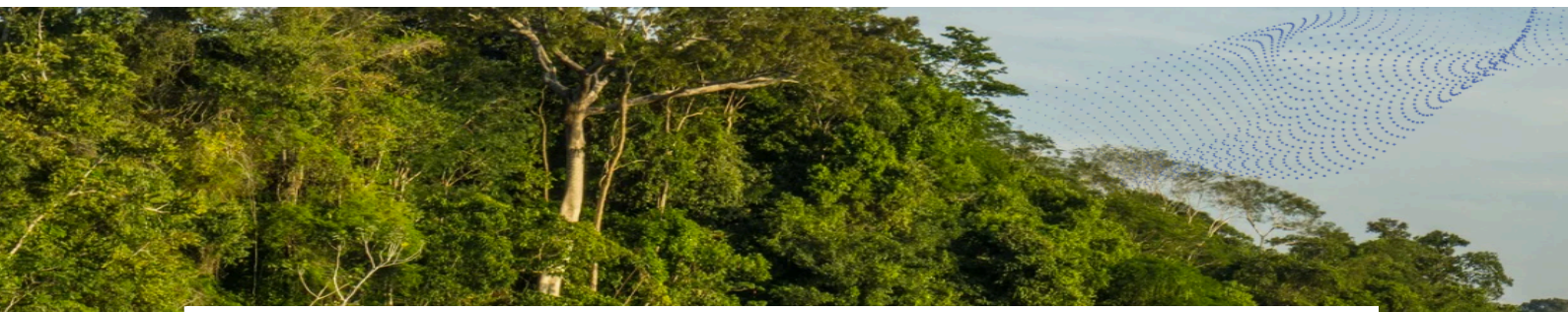
AMAZON WEEK 2026

Scaling EU–Brazil Bioeconomy Partnerships

Date: 4th of June 2026

Location: Ed. Berlaymont (Room Walter Hallstein), Rue de la Loi 200, 1049, Brussels

Time: 14:00 – 20:00



AGENDA

2:00 – 2:30 Welcome coffee and registration

2:30 - 2:50 Opening session

Christoph Both, Senior Finance Adviser, Euroclima-GIZ, Master of Ceremonies

- **Felix Fernandez-Shaw**, Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, DG INTPA, European Commission
- **Pedro Miguel da Costa e Silva**, Ambassador, Brazilian Mission to the EU
- **Laudemir Andre Muller**, President, ApexBrasil

2:50 - 3:00 Introduction

- **Roman Garcia**, Senior Advisor, Global Gateway
- **Marco van der Ree**, Sociobio Hub founder and EU senior consultant

3:00 - 4:20 Market Access & Commercial Partnerships

Ingo Kniepert, Founder and Managing Director of TPX Holding GMBH and Saudade Group CEO
– Session Moderator

- **François Guislain Morillon**, Co-Founder, VEJA
- **Bruna Mesquita**, ESG Director, Michelin
- **Patricia Gomes**, Executive Manager, Origens Brasil
- **Bianca Nakamoto**, Conservation Specialist and Socio-Biodiversity Coordinator, WWF
- **Mayk Arruda**, Institutional Advisor, COPPALJ & Central do Cerrado
- **Maria do Socorro Teixeira Lima** - Consórcio Babaçu Livre
- **Samuele Ambrosetti**, Programme and Innovation Manager, Bio-based Industries Consortium (BIC)

4:30 – 5:50 Financing & Investment Mobilisation

Part 1: Investment Success Stories

Melissa Sendic, Officer at Climate & Land Use Alliance (CLUA), Session Moderator

- **Vincent Gradt**, Founder and CFO, Impact Earth
- **Isabella Tonaco**, Chief Sustainability Officer, Symrise (DE)
- **Rafael Kamke**, Executive Director, Bioeconomy Park

Part 2: From success to scale

Christoph Both, former banker and Finance Advisor – Euroclima, GIZ, Session Moderator

- **José Ricardo Sasseron**, Vice-President of Government and Corporate Sustainability - Banco do Brasil
- **Enrique Galán**, Senior Loan Officer -EIB- European Investment Bank
- **Verónica Galmez**, Sector Lead Specialist, Amazon Coordination Unit -IDB- Inter-American Development Bank
- **Beatriz Morant Zacarés**, Investment and Development Senior Analyst -COFIDES- Spanish development finance institution
- **Maurik Jehee**, Principal Investment Officer -FMO- Dutch entrepreneurial development bank

5:50 - 6:00 Closing and next steps

Marcelo Behar, Bioeconomy Envoy for COP30

Marco van der Ree, Sociobio Hub founder and EU senior consultant

6:00 – 8:00 Network reception

The networking reception showcasing a variety of Brazilian Amazonian products, featuring a special menu prepared by Michelin-starred chef **Arabelle Meirlaen**