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Christiaan Bolck, has over 15 years of experience in product and market development regarding materials and products from biobased resources. As programme manager biobased materials within the applied research institute Food and Biobased Research, he is currently responsible for the research and development activities at Wageningen UR in the field of biobased materials, such as bioplastics, paper, pulp, and building materials. He is director of the Biobased Performance Materials programme and is coordinating the Biobased Materials R&D activities within the Dutch topsectors. In addition, he is currently a member of the "Expert group Biobased Products" of the European commission (since 2008), Advisory Board lectorate polymer technology at the hogeschool Windesheim (since 2008), member of the advisory committee on (green) taxation scheme of packaging waste (since 2008), Consultant Biopolymers at the Dutch Polymer Institute value Centre (since 2007), and Consultant "governmental policy on the biobased economy" for the Dutch ministry of Economic Affairs (since 2004).

Abstract:

The Biobased Performance Materials (BPM) programme fills an important gap in biobased research; i.e. dedicated research into biobased performance materials. It is unique in its construction: Industrial partners participate in kind from all parts of the value chain, varying from raw materials producers, polymer producers and processors until end users. The BPM programme started in 2010 and is sponsored by the Dutch Ministry of Economic affairs (EZ). Initially, 36 partners worked together in 8 different R&D projects. This approach proved successful and in 2015 the Chemistry of Advanced Materials council of the Top Sector Chemistry gave the green light for nine new projects. In these projects, Wageningen UR Food & Biobased Research, together with 25 industrial partners, will be focusing on materials made from plant-based raw materials. Other activities of the BPM programme include information, education, collaboration and identifying new topics.
