International Workshop

Towards a European Trade Strategy for Sustainable Solid Biomass Imports to the EU

14th June 2016

Permanent Representation of Spain
Boulevard du Régent 52/Regentlaan 52, Brussels, Belgium

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Workshop Description

We cordially invite you to join this workshop organised by the BioTrade2020plus project with the participation of the Biomass Policies project. The workshop takes place in the framework of the European Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW) 2016.

Targets of the European Union on solid biomass (pellets, woodchips, terrified biomass, pyrolysis oil) imply that the use of domestic and cost-competitive solid biomass potentials need to be promoted. However, Europe will also need sustainable and cheap imports of solid biomass from non EU countries. Some well-positioned regions of the world are already biomass suppliers for the European markets and therefore could become increasingly relevant in the near future.

One of the objectives of the BioTrade2020plus project has been to propose appropriate long-term strategies and support frameworks which can form a basis for a balanced approach between promoting the use of EU domestic solid biomass, while also keeping markets open for sustainable imports of solid biomass. In addition to the BioTrade2020plus project, the Biomass Policies project aims to develop integrated policies for the mobilization of “resource efficient” indigenous bioenergy ‘value chains’ in order to contribute towards the 2020 bioenergy targets set within NREAPs & 2030, and other EU27/ national policy measures.

Both projects address critical bottlenecks related to the use of solid biomass in order to promote renewable sources and achieve the Common European targets established for 2020 and 2030 and to move to a low carbon economy for 2050.

This workshop will inform you about the potentials of solid biomass in the EU and of sustainable imports from non EU countries to Europe. You will have the opportunity to directly discuss trade strategies with stakeholders from Europe, Latin America, Africa, and Asia.
Programme

08:30-09:00 Registration

Session 1: Overview on Solid Biomass Developments
Moderation: Dominik Rutz, WIP Renewable Energies, Germany

09:00-09:20 Welcome and introduction to BioTrade2020plus project
DAVID SANCHEZ, Centro Nacional de Energías Renovables (CENER), Spain

09:20-09:40 Towards a EU bioenergy sustainability policy for the period after 2020
GIULIO VOLPI, European Commission, Belgium

09:40-10:00 International developments on the production and use of solid biomass
HEINZ KOPETZ, World Bioenergy Association (WBA), Austria

10:00-10:20 Biomass potentials: Sustainability issues
ROCIO DIAZ-CHAVEZ, Imperial College, UK

10:20-10:40 Strategies and policies in two projects: BioTrade2020+ and Biomass Policies
LUC PELKMANS, Flemish Institute for Technological Research (VITO), Belgium

10:40-11:00 Coffee Break
### Session 2: Potentials of Exporting Countries: Case Studies

*Moderation: Martin H. Junginger, Utrecht University, The Netherlands*

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Session 3: Perspectives of Exporting Countries
Moderation: Uwe Fritsche, International Institute for Sustainability Analysis and Strategy (IINAS), Germany

13:30-14:45 Panel debate: Opportunities and constraints for biomass export to the European Union
Panelists:
- SUANI COELHO, Brazilian Reference Center on Biomass (CENBIO), Brazil
- HELEN K. WATSON, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa
- BAH SAHO, ECOWAS Regional Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE), Cape Verde
- GERALDINE KUTAS, Brazilian Sugar Cane Industry Association, Brussels Office, Brazil
- PETER-PAUL SCHOUWENBERG, RWE Essent, The Netherlands
- JENNY WALTHER-THOSS, WWF, Germany
- TAPIO RANTA, Lappeeranta University of Technology, Finland

Session 4: Results of BioTrade2020plus
Moderation: Ines del Campo Colmenar, Centro Nacional de Energías Renovables (CENER), Spain

14:15-15:30 Interactive BioTrade2020plus Tool for biomass imports to the EU
GERT-JAN NABUURS, Alterra / Wageningen University and Research, The Netherlands

15:30-15:45 Conclusion and Next Steps
DAVID SANCHEZ, Centro Nacional de Energías Renovables (CENER), Spain

15:45-16:00 End of the workshop
Practical information

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Registration:
Participation is free of charge, but registration is required. Please register before 3rd of June through http://eusew.eu/energy-days/towards-sustainable-european-bioenergy-trade-strategy-2020-and-beyond

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BioTrade2020plus:
The main aim of the European project BioTrade2020plus is to provide guidelines for the development of a European Bioenergy Trade Strategy for 2020 and beyond. It shall ensure that imported biomass feedstock is sustainably sourced and used in an efficient way, while avoiding distortion of other markets. BioTrade2020plus is supported by the Intelligent Energy for Europe Programme of the European Commission. The project started in April 2014 and will continue until August 2016. www.biotrade2020plus.eu