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Dear bioenergy friends,

2014 was a challenging year. We had to be reactive to many opinions and initiatives against renewables and bioenergy. Words like “carbon debt” and “cascading” are now part of the EU bubble language, even if many people do not understand the basics behind these words! The number of legislative files in 2014 has never been so high and strategically important. Let’s mention for example the post 2030 negotiations in which we have lost the mandatory character of the targets in favor of more flexibility for member states.

The decrease in oil prices by more than half in a single year has given the wrong market signals to consumers and has planted doubts in their minds about renewables. On top of this, having two warm winters in a row did not help matters either.

But let’s not lose hope and fight for better times. AEBIOM has never been as active as it has been in 2014 in representing bioenergy and its members. We are proud to show all our activities within this annual report. We are more motivated than ever to continue in 2015.

Here are some of our priorities:

• Enforce at full speed the communication campaign Biomass Counts, launched at the end of 2014, aiming at highlighting to policy makers and stakeholders the numerous advantages of bioenergy for Europe, its companies and its citizens.

• Enhance networking opportunities and improve communication within the pellet sector, taking full advantage of our groups EPC, EIPS and IBTC. We will use the successful ENplus certification scheme as a leverage effect for that purpose.

• Lobbying will still be one of our core businesses and numerous strategic issues have been identified already for 2015.

• Our work on statistics will become more complete, market oriented, with more interaction with lobbying and communication activities.

To support all these priorities our members can count on highly motivated and committed AEBIOM staff. I will do my best to keep this dynamic dream team united in 2015.

Best regards,

Jean-Marc Jossart
Secretary General
2014
The year in figures

One Goal, Multiple Approaches:

25 AEBIOM Full Members
and 91 AEBIOM Associate members in 2014

3 AEBIOM Networks (EIPS, EPC and IBTC)

6.7 million tons
ENplus pellet produced in 2014

2.225 subscribers to AEBIOM Newsletter

240 experts from 40 countries all over the world participated at the 2014 AEBIOM Bioenergy Conference

30 countries in Europe and outside that AEBIOM represents

9 EU funded projects

203 ENplus certified pellet producers from 31 countries

7 Editions of the AEBIOM Statistical Report
• 2012 saw European renewable energy production (177 Mtoe) overtake the production of energy from each of indigenous coal (167 Mtoe), natural gas (133 Mtoe) and oil (90 Mtoe) for the very first time. Despite this, Europe still remains alarmingly energy dependent: 85% for oil, 62% for coal and 67% for natural gas, not to mention its extremely high dependency on Uranium.

• Final Energy consumption of bioenergy in 2012 was 102 Mtoe, almost double that of 2000. Biomass for heat and bioheat represent 74.7 Mtoe followed by biofuels for transport at 14.6 Mtoe and biopower at 12.8 Mtoe.

• The latest figures confirm that around 40% of all jobs in the renewable energy sector are found in the bioenergy sector. There are 500.000 jobs in bioenergy, of which 282.000 are in the solid biomass sector.

• Renewables represent 15.6% (83 Mtoe) of final EU consumption in Heating and Cooling. Biomass accounts for 88.9% of this renewable heat.

• Renewables represent 24.2% (798.7 TWh) of EU gross electricity generation. 18.7% of this renewable electricity comes from biomass, 65% of which is produced in CHP plants.

• The annual increment of European forests available for wood supply is almost 800 million m³ (data for 2010), equivalent to approximately 6 m³/ha. As only 62% of this increment is harvested, the EU forest stock is increasing by almost 300 million m³ each year.

• EU pellet consumption for heating is growing at an average of 1 million tonnes every year (from 2011).

• EU pellet production grew from 1 million tonnes in 2000 to 12 million tonnes today.

• EU is the biggest world pellet producer (50%).
AEBIOM Statistical Report

Buy it today!

This compilation of statistics can be found in the statistical report that AEBIOM publishes every year. First released in 2007, the report covers recent developments, current status and key trends that contribute to a better understanding and further development of bioenergy in Europe. The report relies on consistent bioenergy data provided by a large international network of contributors and researchers.

This year’s edition of the AEBIOM Statistical Report can be purchased on the AEBIOM website: www.aebiom.org. The PDF version will be sent alongside with a short summary of the most relevant statistics and a separate file with pellets statistics prepared by the European Pellet Council.
AEBIOM in 2014
AEBIOM Mission

The AEBIOM mission is to develop the market for sustainable bioenergy and to ensure favourable business conditions for its members through effective communication and engagement in the political decision-making processes.

There are three priorities to achieve our mission:

- **COMMUNICATE** as a single, united voice the opportunities and concerns regarding the development of bioenergy at European level to decision makers, business representatives, the media, the public, NGOs and other stakeholders.

- **DEVELOP** and deliver effective strategic messages and initiatives to influence the political process towards a long-term stable EU policy framework for bioenergy in Europe.

- **ENSURE** European bioenergy industry leadership through advanced research, innovation and technical quality.

How AEBIOM Works

Through the AEBIOM EU Policy strategy, members can voice their positions at the highest level throughout Europe – this is a must for all companies with European and global goals.

Through the AEBIOM Strategic Communication plan, both the EU institutions and the AEBIOM members will be promptly and accurately informed about the opportunities, challenges and developments of the bioenergy sector.
AEBIOM Structure

BOARD
President
Vice-President
Max 14 additional members

STEERING COMMITTEE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Full Members/Associate Members

AEBIOM Board
The present AEBIOM Board was elected at the AEBIOM General Assembly 2014.

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AEBIOM President
Swedish Bioenergy Association

Marcos Martin
AEBIOM Vice-President
Spanish Bioenergy Association

Petar Curic
Croatian Chamber of Economy

Ria Kalf
The Netherlands Bio-energy Association

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Latvian Bioenergy Association

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Bioenergy Association of Finland

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3 AEBIOM activities
Lobbying activities
A right policy for sustainable future

AEBIOM lobbying activities include common position papers and lobbying related tasks on renewable energy sources (in collaboration with other RES associations) as well as activities on EU Policy files that concern specifically the EU bioenergy sector.

AEBIOM takes position on topics that are on the agenda of the European Institutions and meets with MEPs, EC officials and other relevant stakeholders to exchange views and provide relevant information on bioenergy related issues. AEBIOM works in close relation with other stakeholders in order to express common interests through position papers or common lobbying activities.

In 2014 AEBIOM was represented in several European groups coordinated by the Commission:

- Civil Dialogue Group- Arable crops at EC - DG AGRI
- European Technology Platform on Biofuels, including the European Industrial Bioenergy Initiative
- Working groups of the EU bioeconomy panel

AEBIOM is member of:

- EUFORES- a European parliamentary network with Members from all major political groups in the European Parliament as well as in the national EU Member States Parliaments.
- World Bioenergy Association – a worldwide organisation representing the bioenergy industry.

Public position papers

19 March 2014
Joint open letter to EU’s Heads of State and Government on Energy Dependency together with EGEC and ESTIF.

13 May 2014
Joint open letter on Europe’s energy security to Presidents Barroso and Van Rompuy, together with EGEC, EPIA, EREF, ESHA, ESTELA, ESTIF, EUREC, EWEA and Ocean Energy Europe.

21 May 2014
Joint position with EGEC and ESTIF- Renewables for Heating and Cooling and EU Security of Supply Save over 20 billion euro annually in reduced fossil fuel imports
Lobbying activities

02 June 2014
Joint position with EGEC and ESTIF - The EU renewable heating and cooling sector’s reaction to the Energy Security strategy published by the EC

24 September 2014
Joint letter to heads of state and government together with EGEC, EHPA, ESTIF - Fuel switch to renewable heating sources: now is the time to act towards a secure, sustainable and affordable energy supply.

07 October 2014
Joint open letter to Commissioner Oettinger regarding a study on energy costs together with EGEC, EPIA, EREF, ESHA, ESTELA, ESTIF, EUREC, EWEA and Ocean Energy Europe.

AEBIOM responses to the EU consultations

AEBIOM monitoring of EU Policy files impacting the bioenergy sector
In addition to the position expressed through public position papers, AEBIOM has also followed closely and taken actions on other very important files concerning the bioenergy sector such as the EU Forest Strategy, the New Common and Agricultural Policy, Ecodesign and Ecolabelling, requirements for boilers and small scale appliances, Directive on emissions limit from medium combustion plants, etc...

Press releases
7 February 2014

19 March 2014

24 October 2014
EU 2030 energy and climate targets: The right regulatory framework will lead us way beyond 27% for renewables! Drafted together with EGEC and ESTIF.

Networking with other RES associations
AEBIOM regularly meets with several RES associations to share information and develop common positions.

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European Pellet Council

Uniting the European pellet sector

The European Pellet Council (EPC), founded in 2010, is an umbrella organisation representing the interests of the wood pellet sector. EPC members are made up of 19 national pellet associations, or related organisations, from 18 countries and 5 observing members.

EPC is a platform for the pellet sector discussing issues that need to be managed in the transition from a niche product to a major energy commodity. These issues include standardisation and certification of pellet quality (ENplus), communication, lobbying, statistics, safety, security of supply, education and training, and the quality of pellet using devices.

2014 has been a very busy year for EPC: the ENplus certification system is greatly expanding and EPC has also worked hard on lobbying, communication, statistics, safety issues, and networking.

ENplus

2014 marked yet another year of success for the EPC-managed ENplus pellet certification scheme – in fact, this year was the system’s strongest year of growth yet. The 6.7 million tonnes reported in 2014 will represent an increase in certified production of around 58% on last year’s total, with further applications pending. This figure aggregates the totals of almost 200 certified producers. The number of producers has increased significantly, reaching this number from around 120 at the end of 2013. With the number of certified traders also approaching 200, there has been a sizable increase on the 130 or so traders that were certified as of the end of 2013.

These figures are expected to increase further in 2015 as ENplus continues to strive for the improvement of the pellet quality on the European market and beyond. Compared to the 1.2 million tonnes certified in 2011, considered a huge success at the time, reaching the current level of success is extremely impressive.

All important information for the certification, including the ENplus handbook and FAQ can be found at www.enplus-pellets.eu.

Lobbying and Communication

EPC closely collaborated with AEBIOM to tackle serious lobbying challenges: Ecodesign and Ecolabelling requirements for boilers and small scale appliances, directive on emissions limit from medium combustion plants, debate on carbon debt, cascading, biomass sustainability requirements, European heat strategy, etc.

EPC was also involved in numerous communication activities: communication campaign collaborations, events co-organisation, speeches during conferences, etc.

EPC Session on Pellets during the 5th AEBIOM Bioenergy Conference 2014
Safety

EPC co-organised with AEBIOM, in cooperation with the SafePellets project, the European Industry of Pellet Suppliers (EIPS), and the International Biomass Torrefaction Council (IBTC), the Second International Workshop dedicated to Pellet Safety (Fügen, Austria) on the 5th-7th of May 2014. Over 50 experts from 11 countries attended this event.

The most intensively debated issues were safety issues related to pellet storage (self-heating and off-gassing) and pellet production, human health and safety, safety issues in transport and safety issues related to second-generation pellets.

Statistics

This year’s AEBIOM Statistical Report 2014 also features a special section dedicated to the pellet market, detailing the growth and development in production over time, analysing today’s pellet consumption, and offering insights into the pellet market at international and national level.

With contributions coming from key experts from industry and research in addition to those of EPC/AEBIOM members, this chapter can be considered one of the most significant analyses of the pellet sector to date.

The growth of the international wood pellet sector over the last decade has been nothing short of astounding. Estimates show that at 24.5 million tonnes, world production levels today are more than 14 times those of 2000 and with the EU being responsible for the consumption of around 80% of this, there is no doubt that wood pellets have become a significant player in the world and EU energy markets.

EPC meetings in 2014

19 February 2014- EPC Board Meeting, Italy
07-09 May 2014- EPC Board Meeting, Austria
22 October 2014- EPC Board Meeting, Spain

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- Czech Pellets Cluster
- BioBraendsels foreningen
- Bioenergy Association of Finland (BIOENERGIA)
- Propellet France
- Syndicat National des Producteurs de Granulés de Bois
- German Wood Fuel and Pellet Association (DEPV)
- Hungarian Pellet Association
- Italian Agroforestry Energy Association (AIEL)
- Latvian Biomass Association (LATBIO)
- Lithuanian Biomass Energy Association (LITBIOMA)
- Portuguese Energy Pellets Association (ANPEB)
- Spanish Bionenergy Association (AVEBIOM)
- Swedish Biomass Association
- Propellets Switzerland
- UK Pellet Council
- Ukrainian Pellet Union (UUP)

EPC Observers (December 2014)

- Japanese Pellet Club
- European Industry of Pellet Suppliers
- Pellet Fuels Institute (PFI)
- Biomass Thermal Energy Council
- US Industrial Pellet Association (USIPA)

Austria www.propellets.at
Belgium www.valbiom.be
Canada www.pellet.org
Czech Republic www.ceska-peleta.cz
Denmark www.biobraendselsforeningen.dk
Finland www.bioenergia.fi
France www.propellet.fr
Germany www.depv.de
Hungary www.mapellet.hu
Italy www.aiel.cia.it
Latvia www.latbio.lv
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Sweden www.svebio.se
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UK www.pelletcouncil.org.uk
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- Japan www.pelletclub.jp
- EU www.aebiom.org
- USA www.pelletheat.org
- USA www.biomassthermal.org
- USA www.theusipa.org
European Industry of Pellet Suppliers

The European Industry of Pellet Suppliers (EIPS) is a platform of European companies focused on the wood pellet business. It was created by the joint forces of the European industry of pellet producers, traders and other stakeholders involved in the supply chain in order to represent their interests in Brussels. EIPS is hosted by the European Biomass Association (AEBIOM) and benefits of the AEBIOM network and lobbying experience. Currently, EIPS represents 15 companies.

EIPS Objectives

• Promote the use of pellets as energy carrier in Europe for the production of power and heat.

• Elaborate positions and express the views of European pellet suppliers and their partners.

• Platform to develop initiatives on common issues such as health and safety, regulatory compliance, standardization and certification of pellets, etc.

• International cooperation: USIPA, WPAC (US and Canadian pellet associations), European Pellet Council

• Cooperation with utilities: Sustainable Biomass Partnership (SBP)

• Monitoring of national legislations related to pellets

EIPS Meetings in 2014

08 April 2014 in London, UK
15 October 2014 in Berlin, Germany
02 December 2014 in Brussels, Belgium

EIPS management

In April 2014, Ludger Spohr (VIS NOVA Trading) was elected as President and Anne Leibold (German Pellets) was elected as Vice-President. Their mandate is for 2 years. Also, Gilles Gauthier replaced Fanny-Pomme Langue as General Manager of the group in end 2014.

Fanny-Pomme Langue will reinforce her work with EIPS on lobbying and representation aspects. This change will encourage synergies with the European Pellet Council group so as to strengthen the voice of the pellet sector at European level.

Visibility of the European pellet supply sector

In 2014, the EIPS group provided inputs on the EU pellet sector for building AEBIOM positions on EU policy files and for AEBIOM communication and informational documents. Among others, EU policy files included 2030 climate and energy framework, Medium Combustion Plants Directive, Ecodesign Directive, Energy Security. EIPS members also contributed to the 2014 AEBIOM statistical report and to the documents published for the AEBIOM high level event on the 3rd of December (www.biomasscounts.eu).

As for public events, EIPS was represented at the Argus Biomass Trading Conference (London, April 2014), European Bioenergy Conference (Brussels, May 2014), and the Pellet Industry Forum (Berlin, October 2014).
Dialogue with European utilities

In 2014, the EIPS group continued to be consulted on the work lead by utilities to establish a common sustainability framework under Sustainable Biomass Partnership (SBP) initiative. Version 0.0 of the framework was published in autumn 2013. EIPS is now following the ongoing work on the next version.

Share experience and exchange on common issues

At its 2014 spring meeting, EIPS members had a first exchange of views on the quality of pellets all along the supply chain and how to reduce pellets damages along the different steps of this chain. Following this first discussion, an expert meeting was jointly organised by EIPS and EPC in Brussels in May in order to continue the discussion and suggests solutions. The analysis of this issue is planned to continue in 2015.

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www.latgran.com
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www.onepeterson.com
www.evomarkets.com
www.statkraft.com
The International Biomass Torrefaction Council (IBTC) was established in 2012 in order to discuss common interests not under competition and utilize synergies to overcome the barriers that affect the market development. The main objective of IBTC is to promote the use of torrefied biomass as energy carrier for the power and the heat market, undertake studies and projects to increase the depth of knowledge and gain permissions eventually needed for the trade of torrefied products, and to commonly voice the concerns of the industry to the outside world.

IBTC Main Activities in 2014

IBTC activities aim to make potential consumers and project developers aware of torrefaction and torrefied biomass as fuel, while assisting them in their evaluation of torrefaction or torrefied biomass and putting them in contact with the members in the Council.

IBTC also helps in developing the communication between the IBTC torrefaction companies and their common issues in market implementation of the products.

• ISO Standards
One of the concerns of the industry which IBTC tackled in 2014 was the lack of clear definition and quality standards for torrefied biomass. A draft standard for torrefied pellets and briquettes was developed by IBTC based on existing structures for wood pellets/briquettes standards, and these standards were successfully presented by the Austrian Standardisation Committee (ÖNORM) to the ISO Committee in March. The IBTC initiative was supported by most of the countries and the ISO Committee accepted the proposal, which is now categorized as New Work Item.

Started in 2014, IBTC will continue to focus on further clarification or finalisation of important crucial topics like REACH, MSDS/SDS registration, transport requirements or safety issues in 2015.

• European regulation
With the hoping for a big development of torrefaction in the coming future and the consequent international trade; IBTC is investing a lot of effort in assisting its members to analyze some of the regulations affecting torrefied product. In this line, on September 2014 IBTC had a meeting with the European Commission-DG Taxud in order to clarify the definition of torrefied biomass in the EU Combined Nomenclature where this material is not explicitly covered. Besides, IBTC is collaborating with SECTOR project in the development of a master MSDS that could be easily used for producers in the future.

In the past year, IBTC also brought the attention to several national regulation affecting the torrefaction market. In this context, a meeting was organized with the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) in UK to agree the process by which biochars could be evaluated in the UK energy generation system under the Renewables Obligation (RO) or the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI).

• Regulatory framework in Japan and Korea
IBTC conducted a study on the regulatory framework in Japan and Korea, prepared by a Japanese consultant in cooperation with Bloomberg New Energy Finance. This report provides a brief overview of the regulatory framework for RES but also the current status and projections on RES policies in Japan and Korea, important markets for the torrefaction sector.
Lobbying and communication

• IBTC Website

IBTC launched in September 2014 its new website which includes the latest events, news and increasing members:

www.biomassstorrefaction.org

• IBTC in the Central European Biomass Conference

IBTC held its General Assembly in Graz, Austria, in the framework of the Central European Biomass Conference. IBTC also co-organized, together with IEA Bioenergy Task 40 and SECTOR Project a workshop dedicated to torrefaction. Latest developments in the torrefaction sector were presented together with the first experiences from large-scale combustion and co-firing test and some of the technologies available.

Thanks to a special invitation of Andritz to the IBTC members, a visit was organized to the Andritz torrefaction pilot plant in Frohnleiten.

• IBTC in the 5th AEBIOM European Bioenergy Conference

On the 13th of May 2014, a session dedicated to torrefaction was chaired by IBTC. In that session, the added-value of torrefaction and the current status of the sector or the future ISO Standards were presented.

Also, a private visit to the Torr-Coal torrefaction facility in Dilsen-Stokkem, Belgium was organized.

• IBTC in the 5th Biomass Pellets Trade & Power, Seoul

IBTC organized a Breakfast Talk during the 5th Biomass Pellets Trade & Power on 24th September 2014, during which the added-value of torrefaction and the current status of the sector were presented. In the afternoon, IBTC organized a roundtable discussion in order to strengthen the relation and future business opportunities between IBTC members and Asian utilities.

• IBTC meeting during the 13th Industry Pellets Forum

IBTC held a meeting in October in Berlin, in the framework of the 13th Industry Pellets Forum. IBTC presented the torrefaction status and organized a workshop with members of the SECTOR project in order to learn more about the latest project results and share information on specific topics.

Further IBTC presentations or activities at:

April 2014 in European biomass to Power conference, Copenhagen
October 2014 in USIPA, Miami
November 2014 in IEA Clean Coal centre Conference, Pennsylvania

IBTC Workshop during the AEBIOM Conference
IBTC meetings in 2014
16 January 2014 in Graz, Austria
14 May 2014 in Brussels, Belgium
16 October 2014 in Berlin, Germany

IBTC members
Members of IBTC are European and International companies developing biomass torrefaction technology, pellet/briquette machine manufacturers, the technical division of the utilities, biomass traders – in short the risk takers in the value chain - as full members and national or sectorial associations as well as other bodies or groups like consultants, stevedores or surveyors dedicated to the promotion of the use and building of supply chains of torrefied biomass.

IBTC Full Members (December 2014)
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Airex Energy
AREVA Renewables
Amandus Kahl
Arigna Fuels
Biolake
Topell Energy
Torr-Coal Group
Rotawave
Torftech Energy
Teal Sales Incorporated
Agri-Tech Producers
River Basin Energy
Solvay Biomass Energy

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Ireland  www.arignafuels.ie
The Netherlands  www.biolake.nl
The Netherlands  www.topellenergy.com
The Netherlands  www.torcoal.com
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IBTC management
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RHC-Platform activities in 2014

2014 was a year of transition for the European Technology Platform on Renewable Heating Cooling, a transitional period that continues into 2015. This past year marked the end of the current phase with the summer months bringing an end to the current project funding the Platform's secretariat (which consists of AEBIOM alongside EUREC, EGEC and ESTIF).

Still, the platform, and particularly the Biomass Panel remained active, albeit on a less regular schedule, as we worked to ensure that the messages formulated over the past number of years were heard by the European Commission as they move to release details the 2016/2017 Work Programme of Horizon 2020. In the early parts of 2015, the RHC-Platform moves into its next phase as we look to answer a Call for Tender that, if successful, will help to support the activities of the platform going forward.

A number of the Platform's identified priorities were included in the 2014-2015 Work Programme for Secure, Clean and Efficient Energy at the turn of the year, and work done in 2014 will hopefully work well towards having favourable biomass H&C topics in the forthcoming 2016-2017 Programme.

Biomass Panel publications, papers and contributions:

• Biomass Technology Roadmap: Early 2014 was spent finalising the Biomass Technology Roadmap which outlines a number of actions and investments needed up to 2020 to implement the Biomass Strategic Research Priorities. This document was published in May and featured in the June 2014 edition of the VGB Powertech Journal and the May 2014 edition of BE Sustainable magazine.

• Common Implementation Roadmap for Renewable Heating and Cooling Technologies: Following the publication of the Biomass Technology Roadmap, the Biomass Panel worked to contribute to the Common Roadmap which describes the top priority research themes and value chains with the highest impact on Europe's societal challenges in Europe up to 2020. Work for the Biomass Panel was led by authors Walter Haslinger (Bioenergy 2020+), Eija Alakangas (VTT) and Panagiotis Grammelis (CERTH). The document was published in June following an online stakeholder consultation.

• SET-Plan Integrated Roadmap: Throughout the year, led by Rainer Janssen (WIP Renewable Energies), the Biomass Panel contributed to the Integrated Roadmap of the SET-Plan. This roadmap aims to consolidate the updated technology roadmaps of the SET Plan and propose research and innovation actions designed to facilitate integration. The Biomass Panel managed to successfully have a large amount of its identified priorities included in Heading 1: Making Renewable Electricity and Heating/Cooling Technologies Competitive by 2020 and beyond, Challenge 7: Bioenergy (Heat and Power).
Scoping Paper of the Biomass Panel on the Horizon 2020 Work Programme 2016-2017: In November, a scoping paper from the European Commission in relation to the upcoming 2016-17 Work Programme was leaked. In response, the Biomass Panel drafted a scoping paper to make the case for the priority areas that were excluded from the draft. This paper was sent to DG RTD, and DG ENER. It was also included in a combined document of the RHC-Platform, which was in turn sent to DG RTD, DG ENER and Member States.

Meetings and events:

• Meetings between the RHC-Platform Biomass Panel, the European Biofuels Technology Platform and DG ENER

In April, DG ENER hosted a meeting between the Biomass Panel and the EBTP with a view of increasing the level of collaboration between the two platforms. The meeting was opened by Ms Marie Donnelly, Director of New and Renewable Sources of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Innovation at DG ENER and framed against the background of the pressing need to secure Europe's energy supply. The Panels have since looked to increase the collaboration that had already in place from before.

A second meeting was held between the panels in June, where we were joined by DG RTD representatives and the future collaboration was further discussed.

• Annual Meeting of the Biomass Panel

In May, the Biomass Panel met in Brussels to reflect on the activities over the past year, discuss the Biomass Panel’s inputs to the Common Technology Roadmap, and to elect a new Steering Committee. The current Steering Committee can be found on the RHC-Platform website (www.rhc-platform.org). Some places are still to be filled due to the inability to mobilize enough industry players to increase their involvement to SC level – if you are interested getting involved in these activities please contact us. Additionally, we were joined by Mr. Erich Naegle of DG RTD to discuss Horizon 2020 and the Work Programmes.

• 5th Annual Event of the RHC-Platform

On May 22nd, the Platform held a joint consultation and policy-event. The morning session presented the RHC-Platform Common Technology Roadmap to a wide range of stakeholders. In the afternoon, industry and decision-makers discussed the role of RHC in the transformation of the energy system with a particular focus on the implementation of the current legislation and the Commission’s proposal for a 2030 climate and energy framework.

5th Annual Event of the RHC-Platform, Brussels

Next Steps in 2015

The first part of 2015 will focus on the securing of the future of the platform as the secretariat associations look to answer the EC Call for Tender titled: “Support to the key activities of the European Technology Platform on Renewable Heating and Cooling”. 2015 activities will very much be influenced by the outcome of this call, however one of the key aims will be to work to ensure that the priorities and roadmaps that have been worked on up to now are included in the upcoming work programmes of the EC.

So far, the effectiveness of the Platform’s Biomass Panel speaks for itself – it has been hugely successful in identifying for the EC the topics in which RD&D activities are required and seeing them included in the EC documents such as the Horizon 2020 Work Programme and the SET-Plan Integrated Roadmap.
The World Bioenergy Association (WBA) is the global organisation dedicated to supporting and representing the wide range of actors in the bioenergy sector. Its members include national and regional bioenergy organisations, institutions, companies and individuals. WBA joins with the world’s solar, wind, geothermal and hydro associations on the global level in the International Renewable Energy Alliance.

Some key activities in 2014:

• WBA Workshop during the AEBIOM Bioenergy Conference 2014: “Reducing Dependence on Russian Natural Gas with Bioenergy”
• WBA Global Bioenergy Statistics 2014
• New issues of Magazine, Newsletters, factsheets.

Visit [www.rhc-platform.org](http://www.rhc-platform.org) for further information and details on how to join. Registration is free of charge and brings the following benefits:

• Ability to influence the definition of the priority areas for EU policy and research for renewable heating and cooling systems by getting involved in interest groups and by getting elected to the Steering Committee.
• Get regularly updated on the activities and publications of the RHC-Platform and Biomass Panel.
• Attend the Annual Conference of the RHC-Platform and network with the key industrial and research stakeholders in the sector, along with high-level decision makers.
• Have personalised access to the dedicated “Members area” of the website containing the contact details of all members.
Projects
AEBIOM Projects

AEBIOM is involved in several European projects. In addition to deepening the knowledge about bioenergy, these projects offer bioenergy promotion opportunities and an excellent network of contacts for AEBIOM and its members.

**AshMeIT** - Development of a practical and reliable ash melting test for biomass fuels, in particular for wood pellets

January 2012 - December 2014

AshMeIT is funded by FP7 and aims to develop a test method for the assessment of the ash melting characteristics of solid biofuels, to specify ash melting classes for solid biofuels and work out a proposal for a European standard for the developed test method. Results will be integrated in the ENplus® wood pellets certification. AEBIOM is responsible for dissemination activities and organizes international events.

www.ashmelt.eu

**BASIS** - Aims to provide a comprehensive view on the sustainable supply and competition of wood

April 2013 - March 2016

BASIS aims at interacting with bioenergy project developers and investors, providing them a comprehensive view on the sustainable supply and competition for wood for wood chips boilers, using intuitive maps of NUTS2 regions of all EU27 member states. Information on wood supply potential combined with existing use of wood chips and sustainability aspects influencing such supply is processed using a sound methodology.

The core idea of this project is to provide in-depth information on the regional supply and demand situation of wood chips by combining the estimated potentially available quantities with actual consumption data based on the identification of bioenergy plants (above 1 MW) using wood chips and other wood chips consumers in the same region. In addition, sustainability dimension of the supply will be considered with several environmental criteria from a project developer point of view. BASIS will help to reduce and address sustainability risk. Finally the efficiency of using biomass will be evaluated as well. This collected information will be condensed in a comprehensive and user-friendly GIS tool.

Target groups are mainly bioenergy project developers, feedstock suppliers and investors, while information will be as well of high interest for national and European policy makers and the European Commission itself.

AEBIOM is the coordinator of the project.

www.basisbioenergy.eu
BiFFiO - Aims to develop an economical and efficient system for handling mixed waste from aquaculture and agriculture.

November 2013- October 2016

The agriculture and aquaculture sectors are under continuous pressure to improve sustainability and reduce environmental impact. BiFFiO (Cooperation between the aquaculture and agriculture sectors with the intent to use animal manure and fish faeces for sustainable production and utilization of renewable energy and recovered nutrients) addresses these challenges with respect to regulatory and societal demands for dealing with the waste produced. Over the next three years the BiFFiO consortium will develop an economical and efficient system for handling mixed waste from aquaculture and agriculture. The project will also make recommendations as to how the energy produced could best be used.

www.biffio.com

Biograce II - Harmonised Greenhouse Gas Calculations for Electricity, Heating and Cooling from Biomass

April 2012-March 2015

The project BioGrace-II harmonizes calculations of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for electricity, heat and cooling from biomass. The project builds upon the earlier (2010-2012) IEE-project BioGrace which harmonizes GHG calculations for biofuels for transport.

The overall aims of the project are to:

- Build an Excel-based tool for GHG calculations for electricity and heat from biomass;
- Convince relevant policy makers from at least 6 Member States (six target countries: Austria, Belgium, Germany, Sweden, The Netherlands and UK) to choose for harmonization and use the same tool or the same approach.
- Involve companies and ensure that the GHG calculation tool meets their wishes. Besides, BioGrace-II will cause that verifiers (also called auditors or inspectors) are trained on how to verify GHG emission calculations both for biofuels and for electricity and heat from biomass.

The project supports implementation of bioenergy policy at national and European level, with a focus on GHG emissions as one of the important sustainability issues. Besides, the project ensures active participation and engagement of market actors such as biomass feedstock producers, companies that convert feedstock into intermediate and final products (e.g., wood pellets, heat and electricity) and companies that distribute, sell and use these products.

AEBIOM contributes in the definition of the methodology for GHG calculations for solid and gaseous biomass and it is responsible to contact policy makers in EU and will organize feedback sessions and workshops with companies to analyze the methodology and GHG calculation tool.

www.biograce.net
**Biomass Policies** - Aims to provide guidance for the development of balanced biomass policy frameworks.

April 2013 - March 2016

The Biomass Policies project brings together eminent experts on biomass and bioenergy from various key European institutions, such as Imperial College London, VITO, IINAS, ECN, and 11 national energy agencies with key policy evidence and models to provide a better understanding of how the biomass resource can be efficiently integrated in the energy & biomaterial systems taking into account the domestic availability of resources, new conversion technologies as well as new stimulation and regulation measures.

The main aim of this project is to provide guidance for the development of balanced biomass policy frameworks which interrelate energy, economy, agriculture, climate change, nature conservation and ecosystem services.

The project will define bioenergy value chains on which Members States should focus their efforts to ensure the sustainable and resource-efficient use of the biomass resources. Concrete proposals for national policy legislation in the participating countries (i.e. AT, BE, DE, EL, ES, HR, IE, NL, PL, SK, UK) will be defined through a participative approach with national administrations and industry and market stakeholders.

Further information about Biomass Polices and this workshop can be found on the project website.

AEBIOM is responsible for dissemination activities and the organization of thematic workshops.

www.biomasspolicies.eu.

**LogistEC** - Aims to develop new or improved technologies of the biomass logistics chains.

September 2012 - September 2015

The LogistEC aims cost-efficient, environmental-friendly and socially sustainable biomass supply chains are needed to achieve the 2020 EU RES targets that might be impeded by the potential scarcity of lignocellulosic biomass from agriculture. The project covers all types of lignocellulosic crops: annual and multi-annual crops, perennial grasses, and short-rotation coppice.

AEBIOM is in charge of dissemination activities including writing the factsheets on main project results and organising 3 EU workshops.

www.logistEC.eu
AEBIOM Projects

PellCert – European Pellet Quality Certification

May 2011 – April 2014

ENplus stakeholders are working on adapting the certification according to market demands. For this purpose the EU project “PellCert” was launched. The key objective of this project is to create and implement an ambitious and uniform certification system for pellets in Europe, called “ENplus.” In addition, sustainability criteria are designed to be part of ENplus scheme. The project is run by a unique consortium of 10 pellets associations, ensuring a direct relationship with pellets market players. LABORELEC represents the interest of the power sector, and coordinate activities with members of EURELECTRIC. The European Biomass Association AEBIOM leads the project. Thanks to the great efforts of all partners, ENplus certification has become a very successful scheme amounting to a total of 6.7 million tonnes of ENplus certified pellets in 2015.

www.pellcert.eu

SafePellets - Safety and quality assurance measures along the pellets supply chain

January 2012- December 2014

SafePellets supports the development of quality assurance and safety measures along the biomass pellets supply chain. The project is performed and funded under the Research for the Benefit of SMEs activity of the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) of the European Union. The consortium consists of SME-industry partners and research institutes coming from five EU member states, in total 15 partners.

The objective of the project is the development of guidelines for quality assurance measures along the pellets supply chain and solutions for safe handling and storage of pellets. In the course of the project methods for the assessment of off-gassing and self-heating shall be developed.

AEBIOM is responsible for dissemination activities and organizes international events – the first one in March 2013 in cooperation with EPC (see www.pelletcouncil.eu/en/safety-workshop).

www.safepellets.eu

SolidStandards - Quality and sustainability standards for solid biofuels

April 2011 – March 2014

In the SolidStandards project, solid biofuel industry players are informed and trained in the field of standards and certification and their feedback is collected and provided to the related standardization committees and policy makers.

The core of the action is the organization of 37 training events for producers and end-users of solid biofuels. Trainings aim at increasing the target groups’ ability to implement quality and sustainability standardization and certification. The consortium is working with 7 selected solid biofuel companies and is supporting them in implementing European quality standards. The process is documented and shall serve as a guideline for standard implementation. In order to contribute to the discussion on binding sustainability criteria for solid biofuels, project activities include the analysis of sustainability certification systems in case studies in order to assess their applicability in practice. Finally, the project contains several tools for feedback collection from the industry. This feedback will be collected, analysed and provided to European and national standardization organizations in Europe. AEBIOM is taking care about dissemination of the project results and manages the cooperation with ENplus.

www.solidstandards.eu
5 AEBIOM Communication
Communication

Strategic Communication at EU and Industry Level

**Newsletters**

AEBIOM publishes quarterly newsletters which include the latest developments on EU policies related to Bioenergy, our views on EU policies, AEBIOM news and events as well as the projects and publications. You can subscribe free of charge to our newsletter on www.aebiom.org or by sending an email to cohen@aebiom.org.

AEBIOM newsletters were published in February, April, June, September, and December.

**Appearance in the Media**

**December 2014**
- “Launch of the AEBIOM Statistical Report”, Forest Bioenergy Review

**October 2014**
- “Supporting the European Economy is Top Priority”, Bioenergy International

**August 2014**
- “Industry associations welcome renewable heating strategy”, Forest Bioenergy Review

**June 2014**
- “No sustainability criteria prior 2020”, Bioenergy International
- “Conference discusses the future of bioenergy” Forest Bioenergy
- “Editorial: Gustav Melin” SETIS Bioenergy Magazine

**May 2014**
- “Ukraine crisis fires efficiency up the EU’s energy agenda”, Euractiv
- “EU wood chip demand to double: Africa Renewables”, Argus Media
- Press Release: AEBIOM Bioenergy Conference
- “Biomass criteria ditched, Commission confirms”, Ends Europe
- “Demand for biomass heating to drop after 2020”, Ends Europe

**April 2014**
- “Ad of the AEBIOM Bioenergy Conference”, WoodBioenergy Magazine
- “AEBIOM to host 5th European Bioenergy Conference in Brussels”, RISI

**March 2014**
- “EU energy dependency weakens Europe’s geopolitical influence”, The Parliament
- “Wood pellets gain ground”, New Energy
- “Wood pellets- a booming sector that is cost-effective, environmentally friendly and comfortable”, European Energy Innovation
Selection of workshops and events in 2014

- Industry Pellet Forum, 14-15 October 2014, Berlin, Germany, Statement and participation to a panel discussion from Fanny-Pomme Langue, AEBIOM Policy Director
- USIPA Conference, 1-3 October 2014, Miami, USA, Presentation given by Jean-Marc Jossart, AEBIOM Secretary General
- EU Sustainable Energy Week, 23-27 June 2014, Brussels, Belgium, Presentation given by Fanny-Pomme Langue, AEBIOM Policy Director
- Montreal Congress about Wood, 19 February 2014, Montreal, Canada, Presentation given by Jean-Marc Jossart, AEBIOM Secretary General
- Pellets 2014, 04 February 2014, Jönköping, Sweden, Presentation given by Gilles Gauthier, AEBIOM Bioenergy Expert, General Manager of EPC
- EP Intergroup on Climate Change and Sustainable Development, 21 January 2014, Brussels, Belgium, Presentation given by Jean-Marc Jossart, AEBIOM Secretary General
- 4th Central European Biomass Conference, 15-18 June 2014, Graz, Austria, Presentation given by Gilles Gauthier, AEBIOM Bioenergy Expert, General Manager of EPC
Events and Networking

Two major events for the industry

5th Annual AEBIOM Bioenergy Conference 2014

The AEBIOM Bioenergy Conference is a great opportunity to understand the EU challenges and opportunities related to the current and future bioenergy developments.

In 2014, the AEBIOM conference gave a particular focus to the bioheat market which is experiencing a strong development, in particular through the use of pellets. The first conference day focused on the different uses of biomass and the cascading principle, while the second day focused on crucial topics like sustainability, support schemes, and bio-heat market trends.
The European Biomass Association held a high-level event titled “Sustainable Biomass Backs European Economy” in Brussels. Top EU companies like L’Oréal, Fortum, KWB, Volvo Construction Equipment Group and Alliance Forêts Bois, gathered to highlight the benefits the bioenergy sector offers in reaching the EU’s energy security, affordability and sustainability objectives.

The conference achieved successful results thanks to the participation of 112 leading experts who gathered in order to hear success stories from the industry’s side and specific reasons why biomass counts. This high-level event also saw the European Biomass Association launch a new campaign called “Biomass Counts” (www.biomasscounts.eu), an initiative that seeks to explain the reasons why sustainable biomass counts in the EU policy landscape.
AEBIOM Workshops

AEBIOM organised 9 workshops in 2014 covering both policy and technology topics. AEBIOM held policy workshops as part of its participation in European projects which offer great networking and learning opportunities.

December 2014
• LogistEC Workshop on Impact of Energy Crops
• BASIS Workshop on Sustainable Wood Chips Supply Risk

September 2014
• Working Group Competitiveness
• Rescuing Europe from energy dependency: the role of renewables

May 2014
• Second International Workshop on Pellet Safety
• AEBIOM Working Group on Competitiveness Meeting
• Biomass Policies Workshop- “Sustainability” and “Mobilisation”
• Meeting of the Biomass Panel of the RHC-Platform
• 2030 Reasons to Integrate Renewable Heating and Cooling: Innovation, Technology Development and Market Uptake

March 2014
• LogistEC Workshop on Energy Crops- How EU Cooperation Can Help
• BioGrace II Policy Maker Workshop

AEBIOM Campaigns

Biomass Counts Campaign

The Biomass Counts campaign is an initiative launched by AEBIOM on December 2014 that seeks to balance the current debates on biomass by showcasing the reasons why sustainable biomass counts in the EU policy debate.

Biomass is essential when it comes to the EU’s energy security, affordability and sustainability priorities. Our objective is to deliver the clear message that biomass plays a unique role in a strong and competitive low carbon economy. Biomass is and will continue to be a vital component of our energy mix in the mid and long term.

The campaign is based around 4 main motives:

Biomass counts:

• as a component of our future energy mix;
• for the alleviation of our fossil fuel energy dependency
• for the creation of jobs and the fostering of growth rural areas
• in tackling energy poverty and improving economic competitiveness

The campaign also focuses on what is needed by the bioenergy industry in order to guarantee the continued growth of the bioenergy sector. This includes, among other things, the need for an EU strategy or action plan focused on the heating and cooling sector and the defining of EU harmonised legally binding EU sustainability criteria.
Launch of the Biomass Counts Campaign

Supporting Documents

Why biomass counts?

Biomass Basics

Statistics
AEBIOM Interaction Activities

Google Analytics

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Services to the members

AEBIOM meetings

AEBIOM meetings are focused on management and the financial aspects of the association. Nevertheless, AEBIOM offers more. At each General Assembly meeting, we offer opportunities to our members to meet, network and learn more about bioenergy within specific workshops. We also take the opportunity of the General Assembly to organise connected Working Group meetings.

List of AEBIOM meetings

• Board: 30 January, 11 September, 4 December
• General Assembly: 18 March, 4 December

Working Groups

Register to one of the AEBIOM Working Groups!

Working Group on Sustainability
Chair: Kjell Andersson, SVEBIO
The aim of this working group is to define a common position on sustainability related issues such as:

• Sustainability criteria for solid and gaseous biomass for heat and electricity
• Land use, land use change and forestry (LULUCF)
• Indirect land use change
• Carbon neutrality of bioenergy

Working Group on Competitiveness
Chair: Didzis Palejs, LATbio
Support and financial incentives to renewable energies have been through important criticisms as being too costly and responsible for the energy price increase for consumers. A change of approach is visible in the new Environment and Energy State Aid Guidelines for the period 2014-2020, published by the European Commission in April 2014, which pushes for a more market-oriented approach.
In addition, the economic crisis has led many Members States to decrease their financial support to the sector.
In this framework, the objective of this working group is to discuss and compare national support schemes and define, as far as possible, the best long-term options to continue to support a sustainable development of the bioenergy sector, in a context of fair competition with the other sectors. The working group is working on a proposal for redesigning support to biomass.

Working Group on Advanced Biofuels
Chair: Jan Lindstedt, SEKAB
The AEBIOM working group on advanced biofuels aims to provide a discussion platform amongst companies with similar interests and to commonly voice the concerns of the sector to the outside world.
The working group also held a dedicated session during the 5th AEBIOM European Bioenergy Conference 2014 to discuss the impact of the ILUC discussions on the development of advanced biofuels and the issue of advanced biofuels for aviation.

AEBIOM Networks

Give more visibility to your company by joining one of the three AEBIOM Networking Groups!

EPC- European Pellet Council

EIPS- European Industry of Pellet Suppliers

IBTC- International Biomass Torrefaction Council

See their description in the AEBIOM Activities chapter.
Member Benefits

One step ahead

Joining AEBIOM will keep you up to date on the latest policy, business and technology developments.

Members receive:

• Free copy of the annual AEBIOM Statistical Report and a discount for their members

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY AND RECEIVE A FREE COPY OF THE ANNUAL AEBIOM STATISTICAL REPORT!

• AEBIOM members receive every Monday a private briefing on the most important AEBIOM activities in terms of lobbying, news, and communication.
• Fully customized consultation by e-mail, phone or in person.
• Access to the private Members’ Area on the AEBIOM website.
• Visibility in the AEBIOM Members’ Directory on the AEBIOM website.

Influence policy

The lobbying activities undertaken by AEBIOM give voice to the bioenergy sector and provide a suitable legal framework in which companies can successfully develop their businesses.

Members receive:

• Regular updated information on the state of play of EU policy files important for the sector.
• Engagement in developing positions.
• Position papers, statements and press releases that can be used as a basis for lobbying at national level.
• Opportunities for joining AEBIOM working groups.
Visibility and Connections for your company

AEBIOM membership will increase the visibility of your company, and create awareness of your products, activities and services. We will help you make the right connections in your field.

Members receive:
• Opportunities for involvement in the AEBIOM working groups.
• Company presentation on the AEBIOM website and members’ catalogue.
• Promotion of your events, news and press releases on AEBIOM website.
• Possible opportunity to speak at AEBIOM events.

Get relevant discounts

AEBIOM members benefit from discounts to all AEBIOM events.

Members receive:
• New members receive a free entrance ticket to the AEBIOM Bioenergy Conference.
• AEBIOM members get a 40% discount to the AEBIOM Bioenergy Conference.
• Full Members receive a 10% discount for their members to the AEBIOM Bioenergy Conference.

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY AND RECEIVE A FREE ENTRANCE AT THE 6th AEBIOM BIOENERGY CONFERENCE 2015!
Join AEBIOM

Join AEBIOM - Your partner in EU affairs and networking

What are the main benefits of a membership with the European Biomass Association?

- Joining AEBIOM will keep you up to date on the latest policy, business and technology developments
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- AEBIOM membership will increase the visibility of your company and create awareness of your products, activities and services. We will help you make the right connections in your field.

Who can become Associate Member?
Bioenergy companies active in the bioheat, bioelectricity, transport biofuels and biogas sectors in Europe. Also companies with headquarters outside Europe can apply.

Which companies have already joined as associate members?
About 90 companies both from Europe and overseas have joined AEBIOM. You can find all the information about our members on the AEBIOM website.

Who’s your AEBIOM Membership Contact

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How to become an AEBIOM Member?
Download the application form on the AEBIOM website. Complete, sign and return the form by email to Sarah Cohen at info@aebiom.org.

More information can be found in our Member’s Guide!
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