Key EU Policy developments on bioenergy

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- EUROPEAN PELLET COUNCIL
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**How it works:**
- EU Policy Strategy
- Strategic Communication at EU and Industry level
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Outline

• Biomass sustainability debate: issues at stake
• EU renewable energy policy post 2020
• To be coming: state aid guidelines and MCP Directive
EU sustainability criteria for solid biomass in heat and electricity?

- EC recommendations (2010) on sustainability criteria for solid and gaseous biomass in heat and electricity
- EC commitment to report by end of 2011 on the possible need for additional measures
- Draft Directive leaked in summer

Next steps?
EU biomass sustainability debate: issues at stake

GHG savings: carbon accounting
Inform stakeholders about:

- current biomass sourcing practices
- commercial realities of SFM decision making
- the critical nature of assumptions in forest bioenergy carbon modelling
- the carbon implications of several scenarios of biomass importation for EU bioenergy production
EU biomass sustainability debate: issues at stake

Sustainable Forest Management

- Forestry is not an EU competence
- EU Forestry Strategy (Sept 2013)

The EC will together with MS and stakeholders: “Develop objective, ambitious and demonstrable EU sustainable forest management criteria that can be applied in different policy contexts regardless of the end use of forest biomass, by the end of 2014”
EU biomass sustainability debate: issues at stake

Cascade use of wood
Priority to materials use on energy use
- Efficient use of wood resource
- Many references in EU policy making:
  Bioeconomy
  Forest strategy
  State aid guidelines
  EC studies

Wood energy has definitively a value
Support to bioenergy aims at tackling objectives endorsed by the EU society
Competition is good for forests
Market and logistic should be taken into account
EU 2030 framework for climate and energy

- Commission’s Communication 22 January 2014
- Reduction of 40% of GHG emissions at EU level
- 27% Renewable Energy share: EU “binding” target with no target on Member States
- “An improved biomass policy will also be necessary to maximize the resource efficient use of biomass in order to deliver robust and verifiable greenhouse gas savings and to allow for fair competition between the various uses of biomass resources in the construction sector, paper and pulp industries and biochemical and energy production. This should also encompass the sustainable use of land, the sustainable management of forests in line with the EU's forest strategy and address indirect land use effects as with biofuels”
To be coming…

Guidelines on environmental and energy State aids

- To be published today
- Chapter on renewable energy
- Priority to feed in premium
- Bidding process (in the draft: reference to biomass competition of uses)

Directive on Medium Combustion Plants

- 1 to 50 MW (fuel input) combustion plants
- Limit the emissions of sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxides and particulate matters: the draft requirements are very strict and could strongly impact the bioenergy sector
Programme Overview

- European Legislation
- Pellets
- Sustainability and certification
- Company profiles
- Networking Dinner
- B2B meetings
- Visits to bioenergy plants

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Second international workshop on pellet safety
5-7 May 2014, Fügen, Austria

Programme Overview

- Results of SafePellets project
- Safety experts presentations
- Open space workshop
- Visit of the Binderholz Pelleting Plant

Call of speakers still open!