



Finance Day: Financing future-proof low impact bioenergy chains

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12:30 Registration & Light Lunch

13:30 **Opening & words of welcome**

(0:15) Ana Coelho, Director of Catalonia Trade&Investment Brussels, Government of Catalonia

Pol Arranz, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Barcelona Tech

13:45 **1st Panel: Market opportunities and company success stories**

(1:00) Moderator: Pol Arranz, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Barcelona Tech

- Financing schemes for biomass district heating and cooling (DHC) networks – case study in Olot, La Garrotxa (Catalonia).
Oriol Gavaldà, Aiguasol, Barcelona
- Bioenergy uptake through national energy funds in Småland
Göran Gustavsson, Bioenergy Group Ltd, Växjö, Sweden
- Market opportunities and sustainable bioenergy financing in Greece
Prof. Georgios Ntalos, Technical Educational Institute of Larissa, Department of Wood and Furniture
- Questions & Answers

14:45 Coffee break

15:15 **2nd Panel: Financial sector perspective on bioenergy**

(1:00) Moderator : Serena Vento, Climate Bonds Initiative, London, UK

- Challenges for financing bioenergy and biomass projects
Dominik Rutz, WIP Renewable Energies, Germany
- Green bonds and green loans for bioenergy– State of the market
Matteo Bigoni, Climate Bonds Initiative



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- **Regional Energy Fund for Bioenergy and Other Renewables**
Karel Asselbergs, Regional Energy Fund Overijssel, NL

16:15 **Wrap up: Take-home messages and closing statement**
(0:15) Serena Vento, Climate Bonds Initiative, and Frederic Horta, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya

16:30 Cocktail reception (Catalan Cava)

Project summary: Financing of sustainable bioenergy chains

[SecureChain.eu](https://www.securechain.eu) promotes market uptake of bioenergy by supporting SMEs in six European model regions through a dedicated innovation mentoring approach, targeting the entire bioenergy chain. Key activities and outcomes include:

- *Innovation Vouchers*: In an open contest, SMEs submitted various own ideas for improvement. The best 20 SME pilot projects were selected and received specific technical and financial advice from the project.
- *Learning Labs* and various trainings raised capabilities of SME pilot project owners and ensured wider stakeholder engagement in the regions.
- *Life Cycle Assessments* (LCAs) evaluated the sustainability impacts of 13 pilots. *Certification* trainings and pre-checks led already to 5 successful certifications.
- *Financial risk assessment and advisory services* to SMEs have led to increased production and new investments into facilities and equipment.