



Small and Medium Enterprises in Bioenergy: Boosting Rural Employment and Sustainable Biomass Mobilisation

Conference programme

Moderator: Claire Doole, [Doole Communications](#), Switzerland

Time *Topic, Presentation, Speaker*

09:00 Registration

9:30 **Opening**

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- **Words of welcome**

MEP Ramon Tremosa i Balcells, Member of the [European Parliament](#)
Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Patrick Reumerman, [BTG Biomass Technology Group](#), The Netherlands

- **European bioenergy research and innovation policies and the Energy Union** Dr Maria Georgiadou, Senior Policy Officer, [European Commission, DG Research & Innovation](#)

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Mentoring innovation in SMEs to foster bioenergy market uptake

- **Lessons learnt from the SecureChain innovation voucher contest**

Uwe Kies, [InnovaWood](#), Belgium / [BTG](#), The Netherlands

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Small but smart: How companies can seize bioenergy market opportunities to innovate

Testimonials from local bioenergy projects (3 statements, each 10 min)

- **Decarbonisation of local communities through bioenergy in Småland**

Göran Gustavsson, [Energy Agency of South East Sweden](#), Växjö, Sweden

- **Biomass district heating and cooling networks : experiences in Catalonia**

Oriol Gavaldà, [Aiguasol](#), Spain

- **Biomass recovery from waste – the AVEA company case**

Pascal Beese-Vasbender, [Bergischer Abfallwirtschaftsverband \(BAV\)](#), Germany

- **Questions & Answers (ca. 20 min)**



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11:00 Coffee break

11:30 **Financing Market Uptake in Bioenergy: Risk Assessment**

(0:20) Pol Arranz & Frederic Horta, [UPC Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya](#), Spain

11:50 **LCA-based Sustainability Assessment of Bioenergy Chains**

(0:20) Gudrun Obersteiner, [BOKU-ABF](#), Vienna, Austria

12:10 **Bioenergy Market Uptake in SMEs: Initial Conclusions & Discussion**

(0:35) Patrick Reumerman, BTG Biomass Technology Group, The Netherlands

- Questions and Answers (ca. 25 min)

12:45 Lunch break

14:00 **Panel 1: Market Uptake Regional Perspectives & Approaches**

(0:40) Lessons learnt from other bioenergy projects (ca. 10-15 min each).

- Biomass mobilisation for the emerging bioeconomy. BIO4ECO project
Adriano Raddi, [CTFC Forest Science Centre of Catalonia](#), Spain
- Up_Running: Success cases for mobilization of wood from agricultural prunings. Manolis Karampinis, [CERTH Centre for Research and Technology Hellas](#), Greece
- Biomass from marginal land and Bioenergy Villages: FORBIO and BioVill
Dominik Rutz, [WIP Renewable Energies](#), Germany

14:40 **Panel 2: Widening Market Uptake of Bioenergy**

(1:10) Views from stakeholders (panel including the three previous speakers)

Anna Martin, [AEBIOM European Biomass Association](#), Belgium

Åke Carlson, Mayor of Uppvidinge, Småland Sweden

15:50 **Closing Statement**

(0:10) Patrick Reumerman, Biomass Technology Group (BTG), The Netherlands

16:00 End of conference & Informal Get Together Cocktail (Catalan Cava)