

# Finance Day: Financing future-proof low impact bioenergy chains



## Roadshow Event

**Date: 6 June 2018, 12:30 - 16:30**

Venue:



**Generalitat de Catalunya**  
Government of Catalonia

Rue de la Loi / Wetstraat 227, 1040 Brussels (Schuman), Belgium

Hosted by:



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## Objective

Small and medium enterprises are the core of the solid biomass to energy sector. What are the business opportunities in bioenergy and how can investments in sustainable supply chains be facilitated? The main objectives of the event are:

- Present *lessons learnt from SMEs* on accessing finance for bioenergy projects
- Investigate the *risks and opportunities* of SME financing for bioenergy market uptake projects
- Explore *green finance instruments* to access funding for sustainable bioenergy

The Finance Day brings together experts and representatives from the industry and the financial sector. The conference is hosted by the Climate Bonds Initiative and the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya on behalf of the SecureChain project.

It is a registered event of the 18<sup>th</sup> European Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW) <https://eusew.eu> and is held at a venue close the European Commission (Schuman).



## Further information & Registration

Participation is free of charge and open to all. However, registration is required, through the conference webpage at [www.securechain.eu/financeday](http://www.securechain.eu/financeday)

In case of questions please contact one of the conference organisers:



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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      **1<sup>st</sup> 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      **2<sup>nd</sup> 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.