

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM AND WORKSHOP ON BIOMASS ASSESSMENT METHODS

15 April 2010 – DG RESEARCH, rue du Champ de Mars, 21, 1050 – BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

Meeting rooms: CDMA SDR1 and SDR2

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

The objective of the International Symposium is to introduce current methods and best practices on the assessment of biomass potential in Europe. Representatives from key European stakeholders, the academia, research and the industry will sit together to compare recent practices against the backdrop of changing European legislation and requirements by the industry and decision makers. Conclusions from the discussions during the Symposium will be presented to the European Commission the following day.

AGENDA

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| 9:00 – 9:30 | Registration / Welcome coffee |
| | INTRODUCTION |
| 9:30 – 9:40 | Welcome
Mr. Balazs Bodo, Managing Director, Geonardo Ltd, CEUBIOM Project Coordinator
Mr. Matthias Dees, University of Freiburg, BEE Project Coordinator |
| | MORNING PRESENTATIONS |
| 9:40 – 9:50 | European perspective – Biomass for bioenergy in Europe
Mr. Bruno Schmitz
Head of Unit, New and Renewable Energy Sources Unit
Directorate-General for Research, European Commission |
| 9:50 – 10:20 | Future availability of wood for energy and other purposes in Europe – methods, results and policies
Mr. Christopher Prins, senior expert consultant, former head of UNECE/FAO timber section |
| 10:20 – 10:40 | Approaches to assess the biomass potential for energetic use from agriculture and energy crops at European level
Mr. Jan Erik Peterson, European Environment Agency |
| 10:40 – 11:00 | Discussions |
| 11:00 – 11:15 | Coffee Break |
| | NATIONAL PERSPECTIVES, EXAMPLES |
| 11:15 – 11:45 | The status of biomass assessment methods and harmonization in the UK
Mr. Mathew Woodcock, UK Forestry Commission (to be confirmed) |
| 11:45 – 12:15 | Example of biomass estimation methods in USA
Ms. Sarah Brown, Winrock Institute, United States (to be confirmed) |
| 12:15 – 12:45 | Participants' contribution: short presentation of European projects, national initiatives and research results on biomass resource assessment |
| 12:45 – 13:00 | Discussions |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | Lunch break |
| | AFTERNOON WORKSHOP |
| 14:00 – 14:10 | Introduction to Workshop objectives – challenges of a harmonised approach
Introduction of the Expert Panel
Mr. Balazs Bodo |
| 14:10 – 14:55 | Classification of European Biomass Potential for Bioenergy Using Terrestrial and Earth Observations – CEUBIOM
Mr. Balazs Bodo, Managing Director, Geonardo Ltd, Hungary
Ms. Manuela Hirschmugl, Joanneum Research, Austria
Mr. Nino Pace, ACS, Italy |
| 14:55 – 15:15 | Discussions |
| 15:15 – 15:30 | Coffee Break |
| 15:30 – 16:15 | Biomass Energy Europe – BEE
Mr. Matthias Dees, University of Freiburg, Germany
Edward Smeets, Utrecht University, Netherlands
Martin Vis, BTG Biomass Technology Group, Netherlands |
| 16:15 – 16:30 | Discussions |
| 16:30 – 17:00 | Plenary discussions , formulating recommendations and discussion points towards the European Commission |



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The International Symposium on Biomass Assessment Methods is organised by the CEUBIOM Consortium (www.ceubiom.org) in cooperation with the BEE Consortium (www.eu-bee.com). Both projects have been launched by the European Commission to define ways for a harmonised approach on biomass resource assessment in Europe. Results and ongoing work from both projects will be presented together with expert presentations and discussions on the challenges of biomass assessment methods.

The Symposium will be followed the next day by the EC Workshop: Common View on the Biomass Feedstock Availability for the European Industrial Initiative on Bioenergy (16 April). This dedicated workshop will be organised for the stakeholders of the European Industrial Initiative on Bioenergy, the bio-based industries, agricultural and forestry sectors and the policy makers, in order to clarify the different results of biomass feedstock potential assessments and with the aim of reaching common understanding and common view on the available indigenous EU grown biomass for non-food and non-feed use.

For further information on the International Symposium and Workshop on Biomass Assessment Methods (15 April 2010, Brussels) please contact:

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