

IEA Workshop: The Future Role of Biorefining

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The Role of Biorefining in the Bioeconomy

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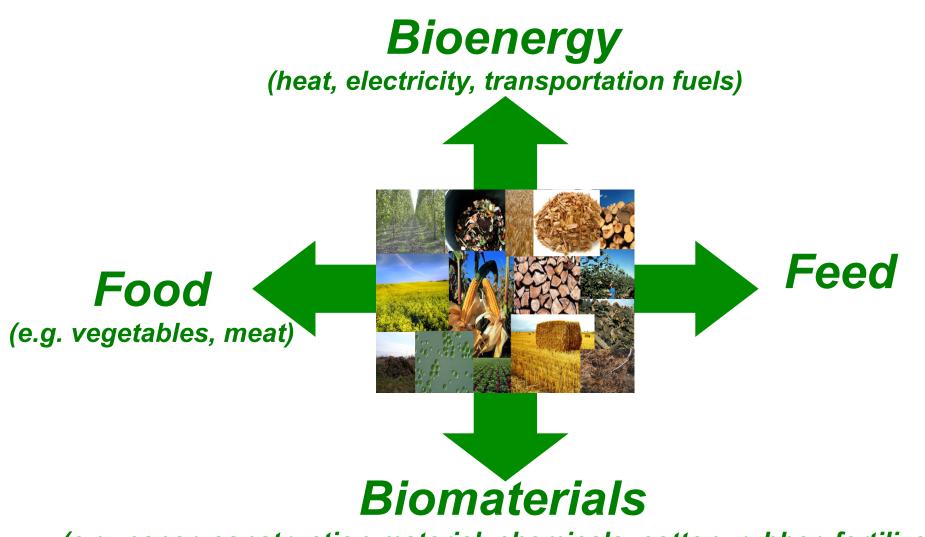
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There is Competition for Different Biomass Uses





(e.g. paper, construction material, chemicals, cotton, rubber, fertilizer)

The Most Sustainable Use of Biomass? – Example Maize



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This plastic bag is made from maize, a renewable resource, and decomposes naturally



Do we need

both for the

BioEconomy?

This biofuel is made from maize, a enewable resource to reduce GHG emissions

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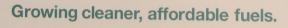
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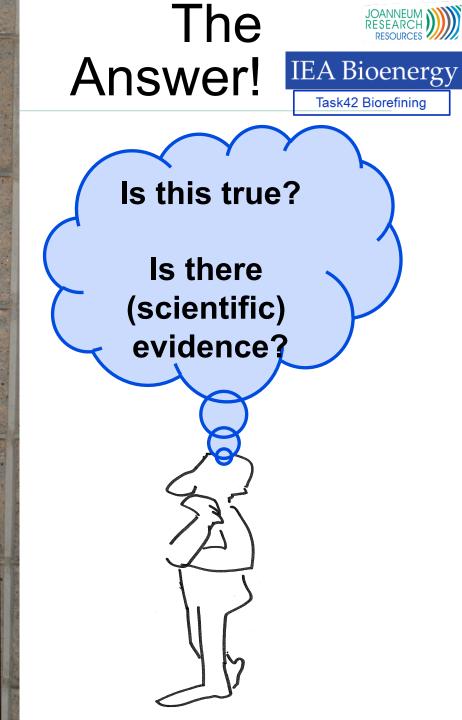
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All it takes is a little ethanol to reduce greenhouse gases and smog. Save money and the environment. Visit www.greenfuels.org







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How to Use a Tree?

Questions: 1) Which part of the tree do you mean? (stem, branches, tops, roots)

Pulp & paper

Power & heat





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How to Use a Tree?

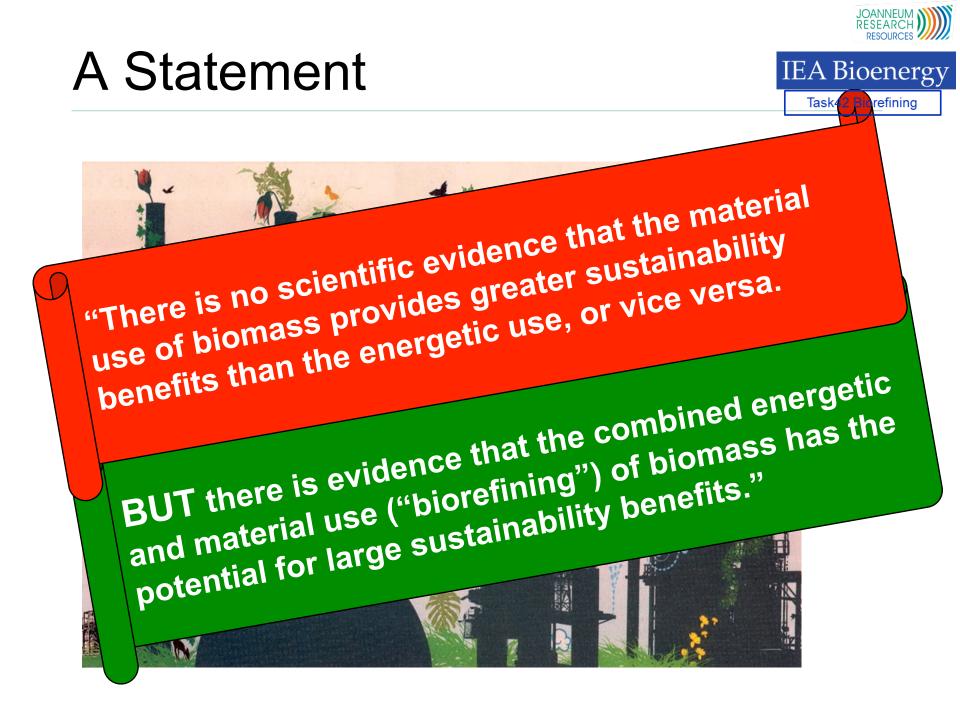
Questions: 1) Which part of the tree do you mean? (stem, branches, tops, roots) 2) Today or in future? (bioplastic&biopower for e-book)



Pulp & paper

Power & heat

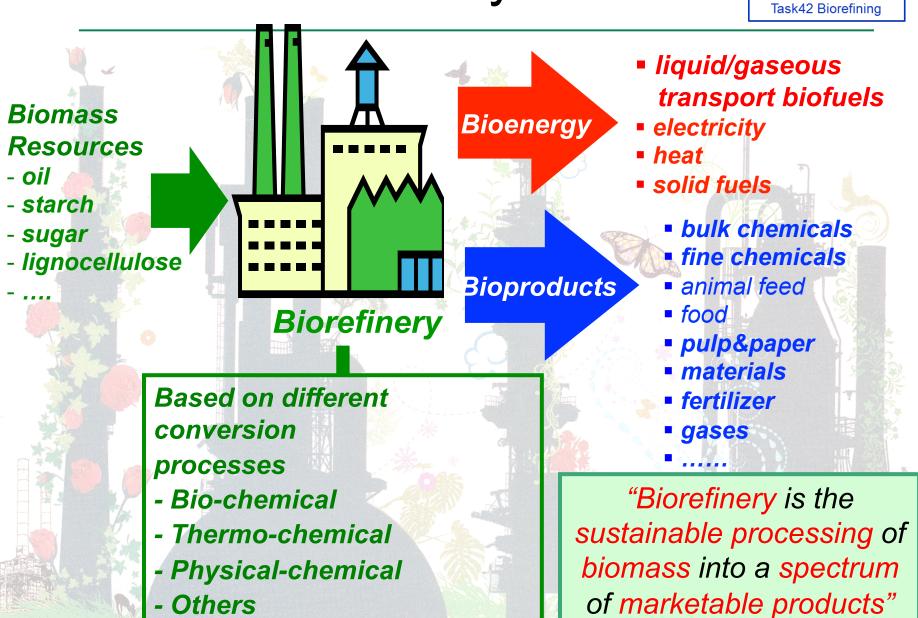
Plastic & power



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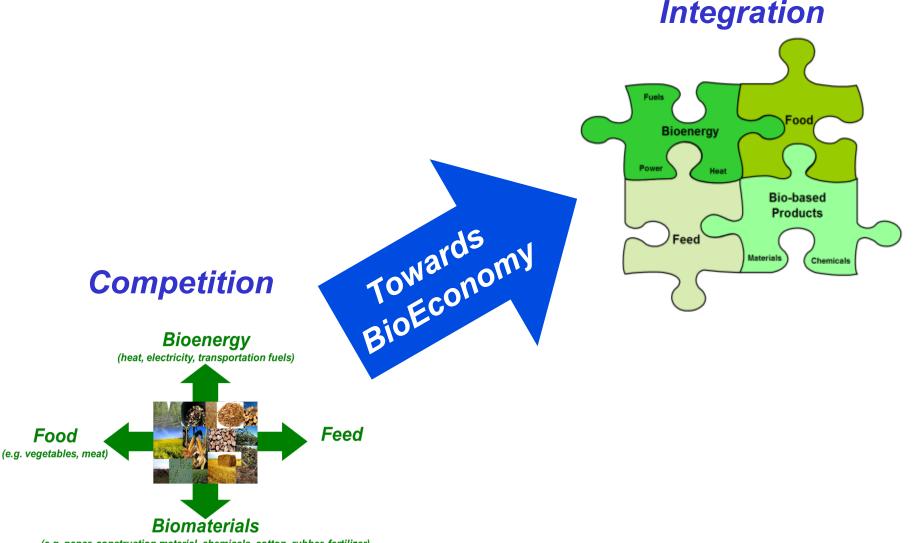


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Others

The New Way in BioEconomy: From Competition to Integration



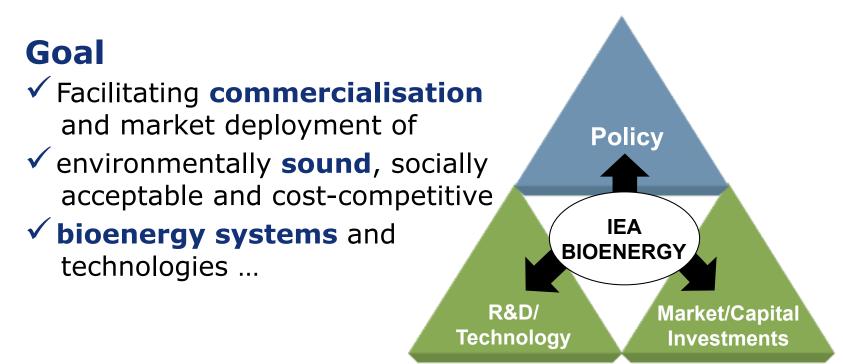
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(e.g. paper, construction material, chemicals, cotton, rubber, fertilizer)

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Role

Independent body to give clear and verified **information on bioenergy**

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- Canada
- United States

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• EUROPE

- Austria
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- Ireland
- Italy
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- United Kingdom

Task42 Activities in 2016

AT, AUS, CAN, DEN(tbc), GER, IRE, IT, NL, US

- **1. Biorefinery Systems** Analysis and assessment of biorefining in the whole value chain
- 2. Product Quality Reporting on related biobased products/ bioenergy standardisation, certification and policy activities
- **3. Evolving BioEconomy** Analysing and advising on perspectives biorefining in a Citcular BioEconomy
- 4. Communication, dissemination & training Knowledge exchange by stakeholder consultation, reporting and lecturing



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Goal of the Workshop

To present and discuss the potential **role of biorefining** and its stakeholders in the **transition** to a future **BioEconomy** in which biomass (from agriculture, forestry, residues, and aquaculture) is sustainably used for the synergistic co-production of:

human food / animal feed
 biobased products (chemicals, materials)
 bioenergy (fuels, power and heat)
 minerals, ... (closing the loop)



Key questions

- ✓ Who will take the **lead**?
- Views and roles of stakeholders in the transition to a BioEconomy as part of a Circular Economy
- **Role of biorefining** within this transition process?
- ✓ Main drivers that support this transition process?
- Main technical AND non-technical **barriers** that hinder this transition process?
- ✓ Role of national and international governments?
- ✓ Supporting policies & instruments?

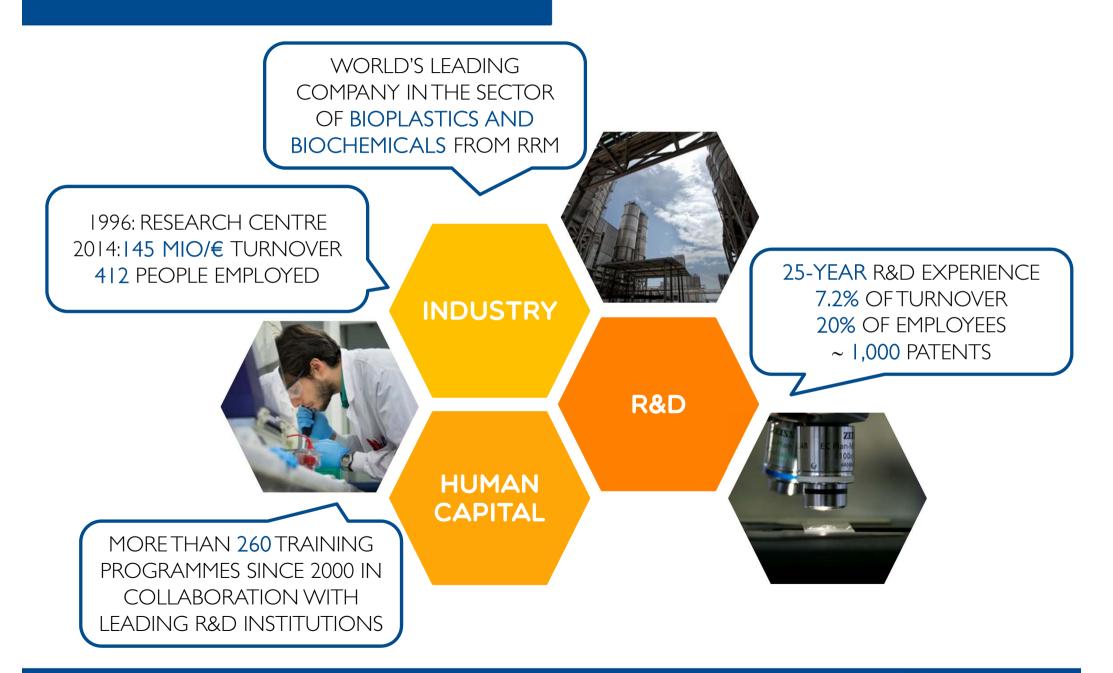


NOVAMONT: AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO BIOECONOMY AND BIOCHEMICALS

GIULIA GREGORI BERLIN 26/11/2015



NOVAMONT: WHO WE ARE





OUR DEVELOPMENT MODEL

Biorefinery integrated in the local area:

- primarily dedicated to the production of chemicals and high added-value products
- different local raw materials (low-input crops, scraps, etc.) respect for local biodiversity
- use of marginal lands and re-industrialization of deindustrialized/no longer competitive sites
- sintegration of a wide and rising range of low-impact technologies and plants
- based on an interdisciplinary approach and interconnection with the world of farming, research, environment, consumers and with local institutions

PRODUCTS FROM THE BIOREFINERY

Innovative bioplastics and biochemicals based on renewable resources, which are biodegradable and compostable according to the most important international standards.

Solutions economically and environmentally sustainable in specific application sectors with a view to rethinking the overall system.



DEVELOPMENT MODEL OF INTEGRATED BIOREFINERY

NOVAMONT 'S NETWORK

Mater-Biotech (100% Novamont) Bio-BDO production Headquarters and Adria (RO) research centre Novara Mater-Bi production and research on intermediates from RRM Terni Matrìca (Novamont/Versalis 50:50 V) Biotechnological Porto Torres (SS) research centre Piana di Monte Verna (CE) Head office Mater-Biopolymer **Production Plants** (78% Novamont) Bio-polyesters production Research and Development Centres Patrica (FR)

NETWORK OF SITES RELATED TO THE BIOPLASTICS AND BIOCHEMICALS VALUE CHAIN AND BASED ON NOVAMONT TECHNOLOGIES



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...MEETS THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR









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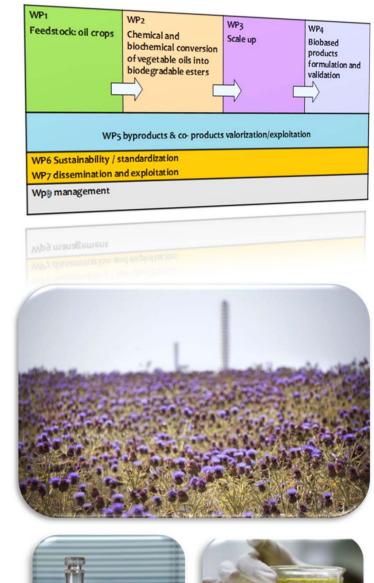
- Horizon 2020 / BBI-JU; Call: H2020-BBI-PPP-2014-1
- Topic: BBI.VC3.F1/Type of action: BBI-IA-FLAG
- Action type: innovation Action
- □ 6 partners from 4 different countries
- The total effort in the project is relevant, being 1.665 MMs with a total eligible cost of 25.022.688,75 € and around 30 mil € of estimated Additional Activities (Granted: 16.995.882,00 €)







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MATRÌCA: A FULLY INTEGRATED BIOREFINERY IN SARDINIA

A NEW COOPERATION MODEL BETWEEN INNOVATION INDUSTRY AND FARMERS FOR LOCAL REGENERATION

SETTING UP OF AN «ALL ITALIAN AGRICULTURAL CHAIN» ON THE THISTLE CULTIVATION

CULTIVATION OF ABANDONED LAND NOT PROFITABLE FOR FOOD PRODUCTION

INVOLVEMENT OF SHEPHERDS: USE BY-PRODUCTS OF THISTLE AS A LOCAL PROTEIN SOURCE FOR THE LIVESTOCK SECTOR, REDUCING DEPENDENCY ON ABROAD RECONVERSION OF A DEINDUSTRIALIZED PETROCHEMICAL SITE

PROPRIETARY WORLD-FIRST TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE PRODUCTION OF INNOVATIVE BIOPRODUCTS WITH LOW ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

REASEARCH CENTRE WITH PILOT PLANTS - COOPERATION WITH LOCAL UNIVERSITIES AND R&D INSTITUTIONS

TESTING OF VARIUOS PRODUCTS OF THE BIOREFINERY: BIOLUBRICANTS FOR AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY, BIOHERBICIDES, MULCHING FILMS, ETC. COOPERATION WITH LOCAL COMPANIES FOR BIO-BASED DOWNSTREAM PRODUCTIONS

NEW JOBS AND HUMAN CAPITAL VALORIZATION



LESSON LEARNED

- The first challenge is a cultural one: the transition from our current resource intensive growth model to a resource efficient growth model, towards a circular economy.
- Bioeconomy is not just dealing with renewable resources, but with territorial regeneration, addressing issues such as the recovery of abandoned land for sustainable productions, soil improvement, reindustrialization of deindustrialized/polluted sites, rethinking of agricultural value chains not economically sustainable through new integrated technologies, etc..
- In order for Europe to have a solid competitive advantage vis a vis global players, we need to focus where know-how, technology and innovation components are much stronger than those offered by the other countries: added value products produced by integrated biorefineries able to leverage on sustainable feedstock available locally in an efficient manner.



THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

«The challenge of our millennium is in the balance between the technical means that humanity possesses and the wisdom in how we will make use of them »

Umberto Colombo





Recommendations from the SCAR Collaborative Working Group "Integrated Biorefineries"

Global Bioeconomy Summit Berlin 26 November 2015



The SCAR

- The **Standing Committee on Agricultural Research** (SCAR) was established in 1974 through a Regulation of the Council of the EU.
- It was given a revised mandate in 2005 by the Council, reflecting the significant changes to the agricultural research agenda over the years.



The SCAR

- The Committee currently represents 37 countries, mainly through ministries or organisations such as research councils, from all EU Member States and observers from Candidate and Associated Countries.
- SCAR has grown to become a respected source of advice on European agricultural and research related to the wider bioeconomy.



CWG Integrated Biorefineries

- Setting up the CWG was decided at the SCAR Plenary meeting on 6 June 2013. The group was kicked off on 13 November 2013.
- It brought together delegates from 14 Member States (AT as observer; BE, DK, ES, FI, FR, IE, IT, NL, NO, PL, SE, UK; DE as coordinator).
- Three meetings were held, surveys among the members were performed, and biorefineries as well as pilot plant facilities were visited.



CWG Integrated Biorefineries

• At the third and final meeting on 17 September 2014, the group discussed the conclusions derived from its activities and the recommendations it could make to national funders and the EU Commission.



Recommendations

<u>1. Target funding instruments to capture the complete innovation cycle up to</u></u> <u>demonstration</u>

There is a *gap in funding for demonstration activities*, at Member State and EU level. For SMEs, it is difficult to get even small amounts of finances for certain activities and investments, despite their innovation potential. *Access to finance for demo scale activities (including equipment, CAPEX) must be expanded and made easier.*

2. Use other instruments to create market opportunities

The large amount of R&D spending has built the basis for a technology push but *there have been too little activities geared to market creation*. Other instruments such as procurement, subsidies, regulation, "Green Deals" must be used to create markets (in a similar way to the BioPrefered Scheme in the USA).

3. Involve existing facilities in research programs, give vouchers for access to SMEs

A number of open pilot and demonstration facilities are available. *The access to these existing installations must be made possible EU-wide, especially with financial means for SMEs*. ERA-Nets should involve pilots and demonstration facilities, vouchers for use of pilots and other open access facilities for development should be made available under Horizon 2020.



Recommendations

4. Network existing infrastructures

The existing infrastructures would benefit from an exchange of knowledge, closer coordination and developing a common voice. *Networking of existing infrastructures* could be facilitated via a dedicated call under the Infrastructures part of Horizon 2020. This could also lead to the identification and closing of gaps that might exist.

5. Embrace different kinds of biorefineries with a regional perspective

Biorefineries can come in different shapes and sizes (specialized vs. general; centralized integrated vs. small-scale, mobile) offering a multitude of business and employment opportunities, especially at regional level. *All of them should be considered valid options in implementing the bioeconomy and should receive appropriate funding.*





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Survey of major Bio(based) Economy Strategies in the 22 member countries of IEA Bioenergy

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Outline of the survey

- Performed in October 2014 by JOANNEUM RESEARCH (AT) in cooperation with ITABIA (IT) and the national IEA Bioenergy representatives
- Report available on: <u>www.IEA-Bioenergy.Task42-Biorefineries.com</u>
- For each of the 22 IEA Bioenergy countries, the report presents the results in a comparable format:



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BioEconomy aspects covered in the survey

- Governmental "top-down" versus regional / industrial "bottom-up" strategies
- Scope of strategies (bioeconomy, biobased industries, bioenergy)?
 - Which economic sectors are described as priority areas in a BioEconomy?
 - What is the future **position of Bioenergy** in relation to other sectors?
 - Have been measurable targets defined? Which?
- Current status / focus of implementation (R&D / transition to markets / policies)?
- Total national **balance of biomass resources**, **use and flows** available?
 - Sustainability as core strategy element? (added later, not in the survey)





22 countries covered

Task 42 partnering countries (11)

- 1. Australia AU
- 2. Austria A
- 3. Canada CA
- 4. Denmark DK
- 5. Germany DE
- 6. Ireland IE
- 7. Italy IT
- 8. Japan JP
- 9. Netherlands NL
- 10. New Zealand NZ
- 11. United States US

Other IEA Bioenergy IA partnering countries (11)

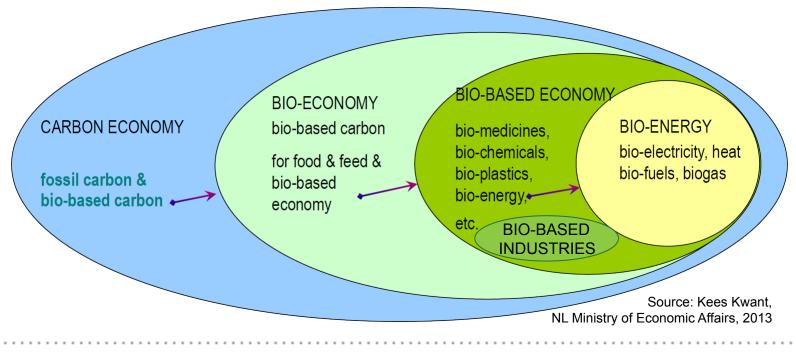
- 12. Belgium BE
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- 14. Croatia HR
- 15. Finland FI
- 16. France FR
- 17. Korea KR
- 18. Norway NO
- 19. South Africa ZA
- 20. Sweden SE
- 21. Switzerland CH
- 22. UK GB





Definition of BioEconomy in the survey

BioEconomy (BE) as an integrative policy concept for sustainable production and valorisation of biomass to food, feed, biomaterials, bioenergy



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BioEconomy aspects covered in the survey: example results

- Governmental "top-down" versus regional / industrial "bottom-up" BioEconomy development
- **"top down":** Bioeconomy is not a single sector, requires coordinated and integrated action by various ministry departments; typically agriculture, environment, science, technology and innovation, economy
 - Austria, France, Germany, Japan, Nordic countries, Netherlands, South Africa, U.S.
- **"bottom up":** Bioeconomy as a sustainable concept building upon regional strengths and stakeholders, "bringing it to the ground", government sets policy framework
 - Australia, Belgium, Canada, Italy





Economic priority sectors in a future BioEconomy

generally today's main (fossil+bio) carbon-dependent economic sectors of the countries are also in the focus of future BioEconomy development

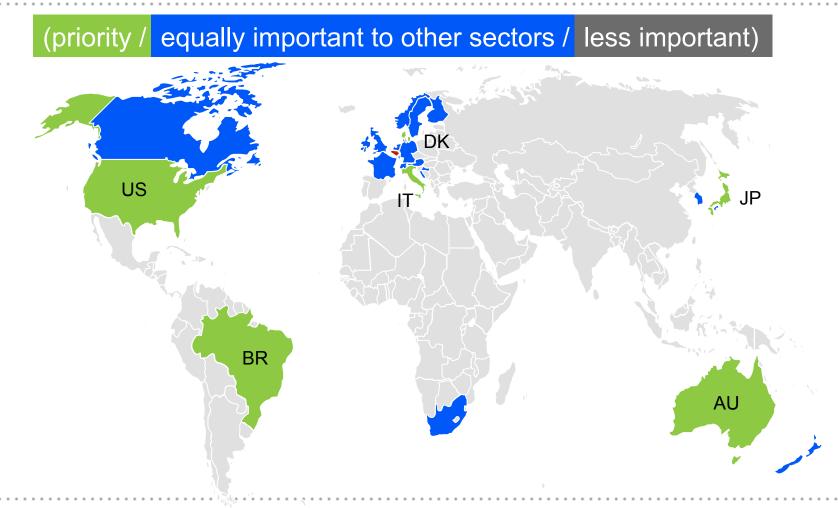
 R&D focus is in all countries on sustainable biomass supply and bioenergy production, and in most countries on chemical industry

Tas42	Agriculture	Food	Energy	Pulp +	Wood-	Chemical	Medical
countries	+ forestry		- 07	paper	processing	industry	industry
Australia	V	Х	V	V	x	x	V
Austria	V	٧	V	V	V	V	V
Canada	V	Х	V	V	V	V	×
Denmark	V	٧	V	х	х	V	x
Germany	V	٧	V	V	V	V	V
Italy	V	Х	V	х	х	V	x
Japan	V	Х	V	٧	V	V	V
Netherlands	V	Х	V	Х	х	V	V
New Zealand	V	٧	V	V	V	x	x
United States	V	Х	V	Х	x	V	V





Position of bioenergy in a future Bioeconomy (shift of current priorities for bioenergy due to increased competition for biomass)



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Measurable targets for BioEconomy (market) development

"Monitoring biobased economy in Nederland" (2014)

"Knowledge position" (indicating the investments and funding into R&D of BiobasedEconomy), "**number of projects** related to BiobasedEconomy", "**amount of biomass** into BiobasedEconomy", "**market development** in NL and worldwide", "value added from BiobasedEconomy"

Biobased Economy Indicators U.S. (2011)

16 measurable targets, include 4 input-, 4 investment-, 8 output-related indicators input indicators: e.g. **amount of cropland** in energy-dedicated crops, quantity of **chemical and other inputs** used in biobased production.

investment indicators: e.g. **government spending** on bioeconomy research and development (R&D), **private capital investment** in plant and equipment,.

output indicators: e.g. **production levels** of chemical-based products, **emissions** from biobased production, **direct value added** from biobased production, production levels of biofuels, and quantity of by-products from biofuel production.





Sustainability as core strategy element

- Sustainability is an ever-present term in all strategies
- The emphasis of the strategic objectives is in all strategies on economic growth, value maximisation, providing new employment, focusing on knowledge and technology development
- Global resource availability, biomass production and its impacts on environment and land use, buit also food supply, is often only adressed to a limited extent, in particular if the biomass comes from elsewhere
- Generally, European countries' strategies tend to put more focus on resource related sustainability issues, due to scarce domestic biomass and land resources and the need for imports
- Still the global view, securing sustainable development also in countries supplying and large scale exporting biomass resources, could be more emphasized in national Bioeconomy strategies, to ensure truly sustainable bioeconomy.





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Pope Francis's "Strategy on sustainable development"

Stop exploiting the poor + environment, learn from them.

> Respect life, don't play god.

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Role of Industry in a Transition Towards the Bioeconomy in Relation to Biorefinery

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Results from the IEA Bioenergy Task 42 survey: The role of industry in a transition towards the BioEconomy (BE) in relation to biorefinery

Purpose of questionnaire:

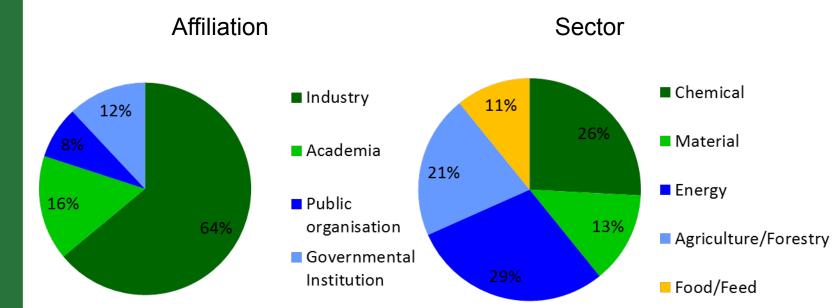
- Review the general option among stakeholders of the challenges and their role in the transition towards BE
- Identify factors that stakeholders identify as critical for increased cross-sector collaboration
- Create a knowledge base with strategies for how to facilitate increased collaboration

Survey

Results based on total of 75 respondents from AT, AUS, CAN, DK, IT, JP, NL, NZ, USA

Background of the respondents



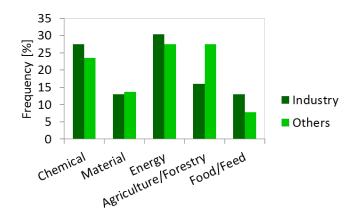


 Largest share of respondents are from industry.

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 The energy and chemical sectors are the most represented, but from academia agriculture/forestry is relatively higher represented.

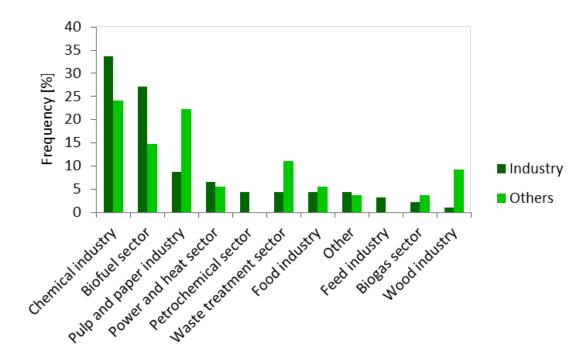


The role of different sectors in the transition

Which market market sectors are most important in the transition towards the BioEconomy (BE)?

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The chemical industry is seen as the most important market sector (selected by 59% of all) followed by biofuels (44%) in the transition towards BE. For the group "others" the pulp and paper sector is identified as more important than biofuel sector, but overall it ranks third.

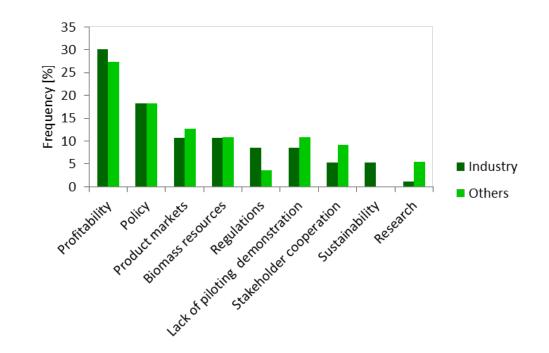
This is likely due to the background of the respondents being largely from the chemical industry or the energy sector. Forestry is overrepresented in the group "others".

Barriers for transition (1)

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Which barriers are the most important for the transition towards the BE in general?



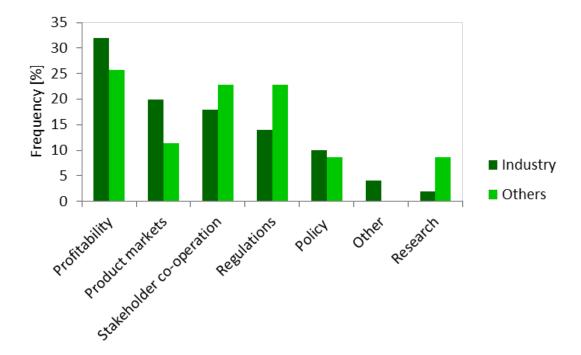
- Profitability is seen as main barrier among all (selected by 57% of all respondents), followed by policy barriers (selected by 36% of all).
- Availability of biomass resources is ranked 4th.
- Lack of collaboration is not identified as a critical barrier as it ranks 7 out of 9.

Barriers for transition (2)

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What barriers are limiting the collaboration across traditional markets ?

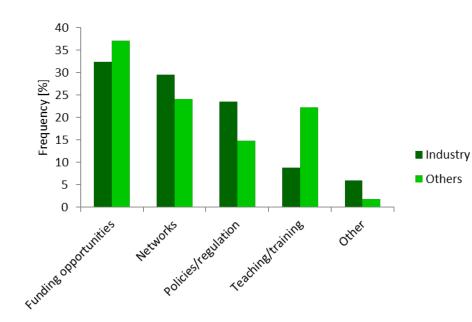


Profitability is again seen as main barrier for collaboration (selected by 33% of all), followed by stakeholder co-operation (23%) and regulations (20%). There is quiet some difference between industry and "others" in the perception of most important barriers for collaboration.

Facilitation of collaboration



What is needed to facilitate collaboration between stakeholders currently working in different marked sectors in order to accelerate the development of the BE or can it anyway be driven by normal marked demands?



- Policies/regulations to stimulate or ease collaboration
- Create funding opportunities that support cross marked sector integration
- Create networks across different marked sectors
- Teaching/ training to increase understanding and awareness of possibilities
- Other

• 87% responded that facilitation is needed.

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- Slight difference what "Industry" and "others" identified as best approach to facilitate collaboration.
- Funding opportunities that supports cross market sector integration identified as the most important driver to facilitate collaboration and acceleration of the development of BE (selected by 44%)

Development of BE

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How can stakeholders currently working in distinct marked sectors collaborate in order to accelerate the development of a BE?

- Creation of networks is needed
 - Many exists already, but usually within same sector
 - Focus should be on networks crossing traditional sectors (e.g. agriculture and biotechnology) and supply chains
- Need for technology and personnel exchange to build skills across sectors
- Opening and sharing of test sites
 - Universities could be hub for to do initial demonstration
 - Universities could use private facilities for scale-up

Barriers:

- Problem is **trust** (commercial and competitive market).
- Long term agreements also with respect to biomass supply needed to ensure trust and confidence
- Difficult to engage producing industries (e.g. 1G ethanol) which are focused on production and not testing new innovation

Conclusions

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- The chemical industry and the biofuels sector are the sectors that a going to drive the development and transition towards a BE
- The main barrier for developing a BE is profitability and lack of appropriate policies (political stability to ensure long term planning and commitment)
- Profitability is also limiting collaboration between stakeholders in distinct market sectors – there is a need to see economical benefits => good examples needs to be better exposed and communicated
- It is a competitive market and trust between stakeholders is needed in order to build the synergies needed for driving the BioEconomy development
- Funding programs that facilitates/encourage collaboration across traditional market sectors can stimulate the development
- But also cross sectorial networks could facilitate collaboration (Task 42 role)
- Task 42 can play an active role by monitoring and communicate the progress within demonstration of technologies and highlighting success stories.

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