



November 16th

08:00 REGISTRATION & COFFEE

09:00 PARALLEL WORKSHOPS/ **Africa-EU Bioenergy B2B Forum**

Europe Room 1st floor

In cooperation with AFRICA-EU RENEWABLE ENERGY COOPERATION PROGRAMME

The RECP connects African and European developers and investors with the aim of increasing access to renewable energy in Africa. In light of this aim, AEBIOM has partnered with the RECP to engage the bioenergy sector and initiate inter-continental business collaboration. The event will provide for a brief introduction and opening words by AEBIOM, followed by an equally brief presentation of the RECP, as well as an African case-study/project example from AEBIOM's membership. Given the brief nature of the pre-matchmaking programme, there will be no specific thematic focus. The initial presentations will be followed by a three-hour matchmaking block providing a platform for Bioenergy entrepreneurs from Africa and Europe, financiers, service providers, etc. to meet and discuss potential business opportunities. The event will mainly draw from AEBIOM's membership and the participants of the main EBF conference, plus sponsored participants by RECP. Additional effort will be undertaken to mobilise additional participants, especially from Africa.

[ACCESS THE FULL WORKSHOP AGENDA HERE.](#)

MODERATOR: **Jean-Marc Jossart**, Secretary General, AEBIOM

OPENING WORDS

Thierry Bertouille, Programme Manager, European Commission DG DEVCO

RECP OVERVIEW OF SERVICES

Michael Franz, Team Leader, Africa-EU Renewable Energy Cooperation Programme (RECP)

AFRICAN EXPERIENCE & PROJECT EXAMPLES

David Frykerås, Founder & CEO, Againty

B2B MATCHMAKING SESSIONS

Three hours of one-on-one meetings between African and European counterparts to explore business collaboration opportunities.

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09:00 PARALLEL WORKSHOPS/ **Torrefaction Workshop**

Prague-Roma Room 1st floor

In cooperation with INTERNATIONAL BIOMASS TORREFACTION COUNCIL

MODERATOR: **Michael Wild**, President, International Biomass Torrefaction Council

- **NEXT STEPS IN THERMALLY TREATED BIOMASS**

Producers will give their views on the global development of the torrefaction industry and their perception of which shape future projects will take in both the short and longer term.

Andrew Johnson, Vice-President, TSI INC.

Lars-Åke Svensson, Sales Manager, Bioendev

Javier Gil, Director of the Biomass Energy Department, CENER

10:30 COFFEE BREAK

Lobby Ground floor

- **PANEL DEBATE: HOW TORREFACTION CAN REDUCE RISK EXPOSURE ALONG THE VALUE CHAIN**

The panel debate brings together industry experts to discuss and develop a better understanding on fuel possibilities and advantages of torrefied biomass along the supply chain.

Michiel Carbo, Project Manager, Energy Research Centre of the Netherlands

Yves Ryckmans, Chief Technology Officer Biomass & Solid Fuels, ENGIE Laborelec

Jan Brouwers, Company Director, TORR-COAL Group

Werner Sitzmann, Technical Director, Amandus Kahl & Board Member, World Bioenergy Association (WBA)

09:00 PARALLEL WORKSHOPS/ **Pellet Workshop**

Beijing Room 2nd floor

In cooperation with EUROPEAN PELLETT COUNCIL

MODERATION: **Christian Rakos**, Executive Director, proPellets Austria

- **ASSESSING AND TACKLING RISK: INNOVATIVE APPROACHES FOR THE PELLETT SECTOR**

This workshop aims at developing a collective understanding of how to assess risk related to rapidly changing market conditions and how to soundly tackle this with innovative approaches. Each presentation will be followed by a short Q&A session.

- INSTRUMENTS TO COPE WITH RISK
Lucy Mortimer, Business Development Energy, Tradition Green
François Megret, Business Development Recyclables, Tradition Green
- IMPROVING WEATHER FORECASTING
Laurent Dubus, Expert Researcher, EDF France
- PIONEER FINANCIAL PRODUCTS
Vincent Roiron, Product Manager Commodities Energy & Metals, Euronext

- **PANEL DEBATE**

10:30 COFFEE BREAK

Lobby Ground floor

- **WORLD PELLETT MARKET UPDATE: GROWING AREAS AND MARKET SEGMENTS**

This workshop aims at identifying the most growing areas and the most promising segments of the world pellet market; the drivers of pellet demand growth will be discussed in order to spot the most profitable markets for the coming years.

Gilles Gauthier, General Manager, European Pellet Council (*domestic market*)
John Bingham, Director, Hawkins Wright (*industrial sector*)
Stefan Ortner, CEO, ÖkoFEN Pelletsheizung (*European domestic boiler market*)
Thomas Schmidmeier, CEO, Schmidmeier NaturEnergie (*European medium-scale market*)
Petteri Korpioja, CEO, Arterm (*peak pellet plants*)

- **PANEL DEBATE**

12:30 NETWORKING WALKING LUNCH

Lobby Ground floor

13:30 WELCOME SPEECHES

Europe Room 1st floor

Gustav Melin, President, AEBIOM
Marie Donnelly, Director for Renewables, Research and Innovation, European Commission DG Energy
Remigijus Lapinskas, President, World Bioenergy Association (*a message from COP22 Morocco*)
Cristina Calderon, **Gilles Gauthier**, AEBIOM (*presentation of AEBIOM 2016 Statistical Report*)

14:30 **KEY PLAYERS' VIEW ON THE ROLE OF BIOMASS IN FUTURE MARKETS**
Europe Room 1st floor

This session will offer participants a unique opportunity to learn about the vision of top managers on the future of biomass in different sectors. Each presentation will be followed by a short Q&A session.

MODERATOR: **Luke Walsh**, Editor, ENDS Waste & Bioenergy

FUTURE OF BIOMASS IN DISTRICT HEATING

Jean Sacreste, Director Energy Models for Central and Eastern Europe, VEOLIA

FUTURE OF BIOMASS IN INDUSTRY

Kai Janhunen, Vice-President Energy, VALMET

FUTURE OF BIOMASS IN ELECTRICITY

Thomas Dalsgaard, Executive Vice-President, DONG Energy

FUTURE OF BIOMASS IN TRANSPORT

Christophe Vuillez, Vice-President Development and M&A, TOTAL

16:00 COFFEE BREAK

Lobby Ground floor

16:30

EU SUSTAINABILITY POLICY: WHICH CONSEQUENCES FOR THE BIOENERGY INDUSTRY?

Europe Room 1st floor

The European Commission has announced that a new biomass sustainability policy will be developed by the end of 2016. To this end, it organised a public consultation which ran from February to May 2016. This roundtable will be an occasion for EU institutions to share their insights into the state of play of sustainability policy, but also for operators to share their experience in sustainability certification - while at the same time looking at practical and financial implications.

MODERATION: **Kjell Andersson**, Policy Advisor, SVEBIO

- **TOWARDS AN IMPROVED BIOENERGY SUSTAINABILITY POLICY**
Christofer Fjellner, MEP, European People's Party (EPP)
- **PRESENTATION OF AEBIOM POSITION ON SUSTAINABILITY**
Fanny-Pomme Langue, Policy Director, AEBIOM
- **PANEL DEBATE WITH TESTIMONIALS FROM BIOMASS PRODUCERS, USERS AND CERTIFICATION BODIES ON PRACTICAL AND FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF EXISTING SCHEMES**
Eric Sievers, CEO, Ethanol Europe
Karoliina Niemi, Manager EU Forests Issues, Finnish Forest Industries
Ondrej Tarabus, Biomass Program Manager, NEPcon
Maarten Gnoth, Manager Business Development – Biomass Upstream, ENGIE
Maris Ziedinis, Managing Director, SBE Latvia

18:00 BEER TASTING

Presentation of award-winning sustainable beer by Sébastien Morven, Brussels Beer Project

Lobby Ground floor

19:30 DINNER

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08:00 WELCOME COFFEE

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08:30

FUTURE OF BIOMASS COMPETITIVENESS

Europe Room 1st floor

In a market still dominated by subsidies to fossil fuels, a range of economic tools is available to make biomass more competitive. This session will look into state support and carbon tax as the main policy tools that could help internalising the negative costs of fossil fuels and supporting bioenergy in light of its environmental, economic and social benefits.

MODERATION: **Michael Doran**, President, Irish Bioenergy Association (IrBea)

- **OPENING SPEECH**
Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, MEP, S&D
- **STATE AID GUIDELINES**
Didzis Palejs, Vice-President, Latvian Biomass Association (LATbio) & AEBIOM
- **CARBON TAX**
Bengt-Erik Löfgren, CEO, ÄFAB (Sweden)
- **PANEL DISCUSSION**
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Didzis Palejs, Vice-President, Latvian Biomass Association (LATbio) & AEBIOM
Ilias Papageorgiadis, President, ARBIO (Romania)
Lauri Sikanen, Group Manager, Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke)

10:00 COFFEE-BREAK

Lobby Ground floor

10:30

BIOENERGY: FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW PRODUCTION AND USES

Europe Room 1st floor

MODERATION: [Sara Stefanini](#), Reporter, POLITICO

- **BIOMASS, A RESOURCE FOR MULTIPLE USES**

Update on the developments of the EU bio-economy strategy and the outcomes of the EU cascading study.

[Andrea Danni](#), Policy Officer, European Commission DG GROW

- **NEXT BIOENERGY SOLUTIONS TO IMPROVE RESOURCE EFFICIENCY**

Presentations from economic operators involved in new biomass mobilization technologies, new bioenergy supply chains or new technologies for bioenergy uses.

[Minna Lappalainen](#), Managing Director, Fixteri

[Regis Ortmans](#), General Manager, Horizon Group

[Nicolas Rialland](#), General Manager, France Miscanthus

[Stefan Sundman](#), Vice-President, Public and Media Relations, UPM Energy

12:00

LUNCH

Lobby Ground floor

13:00

EMISSION LIMITS: A FUTURE THREAT?

Europe Room 1st floor

This session will update participants on the availability and the costs of technologies for reducing emissions of combustion plants, in order to comply with new and future emissions limitations.

MODERATION: [Annalisa Paniz](#), Project Manager, AIEL

OVERVIEW ON EU EMISSION LIMITS FOR BIOMASS COMBUSTION PLANTS

[Nathalie Hemeleers](#), Policy Advisor, AEBIOM

HOW TO REDUCE PARTICULATE MATTER AND CARBON MONOXIDE EMISSIONS IN A PELLET STOVE

[Marco Palazzetti](#), Managing Director, Palazzetti

HOW TO REDUCE PARTICULATE MATTER EMISSIONS IN MEDIUM-SCALE BIOMASS BOILERS / HOW TO COPE WITH MEDIUM COMBUSTION PLANTS REQUIREMENTS?

[Petteri Korpioja](#), CEO, Ariterm

PANEL

14:30

COFFEE-BREAK

Lobby Ground floor

15:00

BIOENERGY COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOP

Europe Room 1st floor

MODERATION: [Kathryn Sheridan](#), CEO, Sustainability Consult

- **ADVOCACY COMMUNICATIONS**

The aim of this session is to look into the general, public perception of bioenergy. How to improve the narrative around bioenergy is indeed essential to avoid negative consequences for the sector. Which measures could be taken with regard to these considerations, and how could they positively impact the sector?

[Kent Jenkins](#), Vice-President Communications, ENVIVA

[Lea Maria Ranacher](#), Researcher, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences of Vienna

[Hannes Tuohiniitty](#), Branch Manager EU Affairs & Wood Energy, The Bioenergy Association of Finland (Bioenergia ry)

- **MARKETING: HOW TO GUIDE & BEST PRACTICES**

This session will focus feature three innovative marketing initiatives aiming at bringing biomass closer to end users.

[Laura Bau](#), Bioenergy Market Analyst, AIEL

[Martin Gaber](#), Waldverband Steiermark GmbH

[Pablo Rodero Masdemont](#), Project Manager, AVEBIOM

16:30

GEOPOLITICS OF BIOENERGY

Europe Room 1st floor

GLOBAL FOSSIL FUELS OUTLOOKS AND THE STRATEGIC ROLE BIOMASS FUELS CAN PLAY

Marat Terterov, Director, Brussels Energy Club

17:00

RECAP AND FINAL REMARKS

Europe Room 1st floor

Jean-Marc Jossart, Secretary General, AEBIOM