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The purpose of this document is to report the BioEUParks **International Mainstreaming Conference**, (action 4.4 from the Work package 4), that took place in Brussels, at the Committee of the Regions, on the 3rd March 2016 and was organised by the EUROPARC Federation.

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Introduction

Energy efficiency and renewable energies are top priorities for a Europe running towards a low-carbon economy. In the context of the EU's policy on energy efficiency and renewables summarized as the 20/20/20 target (20% renewable energy, 20% greenhouse gas reduction and 20% reduction in energy consumption by the year 2020), biomass plays an important role, representing 64.2 % of primary renewables production (Eurostat source, 2013)

The European Commission has been supporting pilot-initiatives to find new solutions for sustainable energy production, especially under the Intelligent Energy – Europe (IEE) programme, launched in 2003 but currently closed. “The programme was part of a broad push to create an energy-intelligent and supported EU energy efficiency and renewable energy policies, with a view to reaching the EU 2020 targets”¹. Projects are mainly coordinated by ESMAE – the **Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises**.

“Sustainable biomass use for heating/cooling and electricity production can result in a number of energy, economic, employment and environmental benefits”²

The **BioEUParks project - Exploiting the potentialities of solid biomasses in EU Parks** – was funded by the IEE programme and aimed at developing efficient and sustainable biomass supply chains in 5 European nature Parks. During three years, project partners developed **different models for sustainable wood biomass exploitation in their regions, ensuring nature protection whilst bringing economic benefits for local communities**. Partners included 5 protected areas from Austria, Hungary, Slovenia, Italy and Greece, the German Agency for Renewable Energy (FNR), the Slovenian Forestry Institute (SFI), Legambiente and The EUROPARC Federation, European Network of Protected Areas.

¹ <http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/about/iee-programme/>

² *State of play in the EU energy policy Energy 2020 - A strategy for competitive, sustainable and secure energy*, European Commission, 2010



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BioEUParks partners organised an International mainstreaming Conference to share the results of the project, and contribute for the European debate on the sustainability of solid biomass exploitation. The Conference entitled “Solid Biomass in European Protected Areas: Sustainable Supply Chain Models” took place at the Committee of the Regions, Brussels, on the 3rd of March 2016.

The conference was hosted by **Roby Biwer** (member of the Committee of the Regions and rapporteur of Fitness check for Nature Directives) and had the participation of important **keynote speakers coming from European organisations**, such as the European Parliament and European Commission and from Non-governmental organisations representing the biomass industry, land owners, energy and environment.

The conference was divided in two main panels, the first explored possible link between Nature Conservation and Biomass Exploitation and the second focused on the contribution of protected areas to the EU Energy policy. Over 40 delegates joined the conference and contributed to the discussion.

Project partners had the chance to officially announce the results of the BioEUParks to a specialised audience, composed by relevant keynote speakers from the EU institutions, organisations related with energy and environment, academics and private business representatives.

Legambiente introduced the overall methodology and the project results, followed by a representative of each park, who gave an overview of the main achievements at local level. Each Park representative introduced an overview of the local/regional context regarding biomass exploitation and its potential; shared the main challenges and successes and explained the local supply chains developed and future perspectives. Partners’ presentations were interlaced with keynote speakers, who commented on the project’s results and the sustainability of the actions implemented. After all parks’ presentations, FNR introduced the sustainability criteria, whilst EUROPARC and SFI had an important role on moderating the two panel sessions.

All parks presentations can be downloaded at BioEUParks website: www.bioeuparks.eu.

Main results:

- Organization of **80 awareness raising events** involving **more than 1000 local stakeholders**;
- Activation of sustainable development process based on exploitation of woody biomass harvested and processed within park area and according with sustainability criteria and respecting SFM approach. This process concretely produced:
 - **13705,75 Ton** of biomass harvested and sustainable exploited
 - **31981,28 MWh** of thermal energy deriving from local biomass
 - **2910,30 Toe** Primary energy savings
 - **11059,13 Ton CO2** of GHG emission reduction
 - **669.630 euro** of cumulative investment
- Development of **5 different interesting models** of local short range biomass supply chain within European protected areas,
- **Training of 409 local key actors** among Park Managers, engineers, technicians etc. and further 230 people representing protected areas from 30 countries engaged in mainstreaming activities;
- Organization of **57 ad-hoc meetings involving over 420 individuals** and **6 National Workshops engaging 400 Participants**; **105 articles + 28 press releases** published and a wider dissemination through social media and partners own channels.

“These numbers show how Parks can play an active role in local and European bio-energy policy designing a model widely applicable to other European protected areas”

Diego Mattioli, project coordinator

International Mainstreaming Conference – Media coverage

At least 40 references on social media and partners’ websites, with other partners sharing on twitter (like BirdLife International). The BioEUParks Twitter account was also widely used during the conference to generate buzz and, with the press releases sent by partners, at least 16 news were published in regional, national and international media. The articles can be seen in the annex “Report on Media Articles”.

Participants

47 participants attended the International Mainstreaming conference. Participants represented different organisations and points of view over the biomass and intelligent energy exploitation.

- **Environmental NGOs** – Birdlife Europe, the European Environmental Bureau, Agency for nature and forests, CEPF (critical ecosystem partnership fund),
- **EU Commission** – with representatives from the DG’s Environment, Energy and Agriculture
- **Members of the European Parliament**
- **Members of the Committee of the regions**

- **Agencies and consultants** – NEEMO EEIG, ESMAE, INEA (Innovation and Networks Executive Agency (INEA), Fraktal.earth (communications’ agency)
- **Business representatives** – ELO, AEBIOM, RSE (Ricerca Sistema Energetico)
- **Academics** – University of Cagliari

Participants were highly interested in the keynote speakers’ contributions and the project results, and from both sides – the nature protection and business related agencies – there was a positive feedback on the sustainability and replicability of the project. Participants agreed that the development of small scale supply chains for heating systems, with wood biomass arising from sustainably managed forests within protected areas, can be a good solution for achieving economic, social and environmental benefits, and has the potential of being replicated in other areas. Nonetheless, some limitations were highlighted: the amount of wood biomass available for biomass should be better accessed, the CO2 emissions should be accounted and the use of wood for bioenergy production should follow the cascading use of biomass. On the economic side, the main issues regarded scalability and profitability of the process, mainly for local foresters and landowners, due to the high costs of exploitation and the high-competitive market. For both perspectives, the creation of local supply chains can be a good solution for circular economy.

After the conference participants had the occasion to informally approach each keynote speaker and share their perspectives. All participants received a folder with the detailed programme, the guidelines and factsheets of each Park.

Inputs from the Keynote speakers

Opening Session

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“New EU energy policy needs to recognise that there is a limited amount of sustainable biomass (...) and that biomass should always be used in the most resource and energy efficient way”.

Roby Biwer, member of the Committee of the Regions (CoR) and Rapporteur of Fitness check of Nature Directives

“The review of the Renewable Energy Strategy is now open, the consultation includes solid and fluid biomasses, and we hope to have something in December. Creating a world leading bioeconomy will require both political move, clarity and long-term strategy”.

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, member of the European Parliament – Industry, Research and Energy Committee and Chair of the Bioeconomy Working Group – Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development





Mauro Albrizio,
Policy Officer
Legambiente,
Brussels Office

*“We have to start producing bioenergy in a real sustainable way. Although the present directive is a success story regarding quantity, as the targets for 2020 are being accomplished, **we are not moving towards a sustainable and environmental friendly energy system.** We are currently emitting 500 million tons of greenhouse gases with bioenergy production, which is 10% of what we emit each year! Therefore, we need more coherence in designing the new climate and renewable energy policy. (...)*

*For this it is crucial to **introduce a cap to limit the use of biomass for energy production**, to levels that can be sustainably supplied; ensure the efficient and optimal use of biomass resources, in line with the **principle of the cascading use of biomass**; **include correct carbon accounting for biomass** and bind environmental and social sustainability criteria.”*

“The IEE programme (Intelligent Energy Europe) has boosted bioenergy markets in the EU by supporting the development of local biomass supply chains, of standards and certification schemes and the elaboration and implementation of policies.”



Silvia Vivarelli, Executive Agency for
Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME)

Panel discussion 1: Nature Conservation and Biomass Exploitation



Linde Zuidema,
Bioenergy and export credit agencies campaigner, **FERN**

“Indeed, small-scale uses of bioenergy based on regional provision can be a win-win situation (...) and can help rural economies and sustainable forest management. However, we always need to look at the scalability – supply-demand dynamics, efficient use and do not disregard the green gas balance of bioenergy production. ”

“When harvesting biomass in forests, it is important to say that only 20-30% is for used for energy and heating production, while 70-80% is for other uses like industrial use and wooden products. (...) We have already an effective and successful definition of sustainability in a holistic perspective. Finding new single definitions for every sustainability aspect would be very counterproductive and would lead to the cease of biomass in markets because it is not possible for the forest owners to have all the administration processes and strategies needed.



Bernhard Budil,
Secretary General
Land&Forst Betriebe Austria

Regarding the project results, I find them quite positive - minimising transport, play in the market with attractive prices for local production, creating local jobs, generating income for forest owners and preserve other interests in the forest are great practices. But I do have to remind that biomass for heating and energy production is only 1 part of the puzzle, and the management of nature parks cannot be compared with other forestry areas.”

“I was always intrigued by the question of forests and bioenergy and what is the real growth potential there. If you convert the annual amount of wood harvested into energy, the result covers not even 5% of the EU gross energy consumption. In worst scenario we would be using the entire net annual increment of Europe’s forests for bioenergy and still need to satisfy most of our energy use from other sources; Europe would need to start importing large amounts of wood to keep its bioenergy going, because there is nothing left for industry; and we would also lose our forest carbon sink. It is a provocative scenario but helps us understand the dimension.”



Peter Löffler,
DG Environment
Unit Agriculture, Forest and Soil

In relation to forests, 1/5 of European forests are Natura 2000 sites, and half of Natura 2000 is forests. (...) We must not undertake activities that deteriorate the protection purposes or work against them (...) and yes, you can manage forests and you can extract biomass to some degree from many Natura 2000 areas forests.”



María Gafo Gómez-Zamalloa,
DG Agriculture and Rural
Development, Unit Bioenergy,
Climate Change and Forests

Natura 2000 is about nature with people, not nature without people. So we have to work together!”

“It is important to remember two numbers that have been underlined during this session: 50% of Natura 2000 is forest, so it is the most important land use in Natura 2000; and 50% of the total renewable energy sources is bioenergy. So, how is it possible to have these two numbers? I think that the BioEUParks project is a good example of win-win situations that could lead to fulfil these two objectives.

The EU forest strategy has a very challenging objective: to ensure by 2020 that all forests in the EU are managed according to sustainable forest management. And the strategy considers that this is really vital, in a scenario of increasing demands, to ensure that the goods and services delivered are done in a balanced way, and that we keep the forests in a good status, considering economic, environmental and social aspects.

Panel discussion 2: Nature Conservation and Biomass Exploitation



Sini Eräjää,
Policy officer: EU Bioenergy
European Environmental Bureau

“A group of about 10 environmental and development NGOs have set of recommendations we would like to see on the field of bioenergy. We are calling for:

- *A limit on the use of the amount and volume of biomass that would be used for energy (...) ensuring that not too much of it is wasted by burning it directly;*
- *Measures that ensure that what we use, we use in an energy and resources efficient way;*
- *Appropriate counting with accurate science, to make sure that there are greenhouse gas savings in the process;*
- *Ensure that the production doesn't cause excessive environmental damage and doesn't hurt human rights.”*

“By producing energy with biomass we can save greenhouse gases in the range of 60 up to 90%, so the basic principle of the carbon neutrality of remains, according to our calculations and documents officially recognised by the Commission.

There is also an important economic factor in exploiting biomass: jobs creation in rural areas, and reduction of the imports of fossil fuels from out of Europe. “



Jean-Marc Jossart,
The European Biomass
Association - Secretary General





Bernd Kueper

DG Energy, Unit Renewables and
Carbon Capture and Storage
Policy - European Commission

“Biomass is an important source of renewable energy, over 50%, we don’t expect that this will decrease in share but we cannot expect an increase in absolute terms.

This 2 examples show that is possible, even in protected areas, to mobilise more biomass in a sustainable way, complying with the objectives of these parks and creating positive effects in the economy.

On the other hand, of course, we know that biomass is a limited resource and it’s clear that not all energy problems can be solved with biomass. Further, the questions arise: which uses of wood should have priority over biomass (...) and if all uses of biomass do comply with all the EU policy objectives on biodiversity and preservation and other economic aspects for other industries. These are very pertinent questions, therefore the Commission has announced that will come forward with a number of policy initiatives very relevant in the area of biomass. The first will address the carbon stock markets and further, a new policy for bioenergy and sustainable biofuels, which will be part of the renewable package.”

Evidences

Invitation



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INVITATION

The purpose of the conference is to share the project results and transfer experiences gathered by the project partners, in setting up local biomass supply chains. The invitation is extended to all protected areas managers, organisations involved in the area of bio-energy, biomass and sustainable resources, EU policy and decision makers, and the wider audience interested in this subject. During the session, examples across Europe will be highlighted, along with panel discussions about the challenges arising from sustainable exploitation of solid biomass. The complete programme can be seen in the following page.

The conference is hosted by the Committee of the Regions (CoR) with the patronage of Mr. Roby Biwer, member of the CoR and rapporteur on the fitness check of Nature Directives.

CONTEXT

BioEUParks is a Project applied under European Intelligent Energy Europe Programme (IEE), which promotes pilot initiatives aimed at supporting energy efficiency and renewable energy policies, addressing the 2012 proposed priority 'Solid biomass'. **The project aims to develop methodologies for setting-up and managing local sustainable solid biomass supply chains, in European Protected Areas** and gathered partners from six European countries including 5 Protected Areas - from Austria, Hungary, Slovenia, Italy and Greece. It was organised in 4 macro-phases on a total length of 3 years.

OBJECTIVES

- Increase **local supply chains of solid biomass** from sustainably managed forests and agricultural residues;
- Develop efficient and sustainable biomass supply chains in **5 European Protected areas**;
- Promote **small-scale heating and CHP installations**;
- Provide guidelines for different models on developing local biomass production chains.

About Biomass

The importance of using biomass for heat and energy production is rapidly growing in Europe. In the context of the EU's policy on renewable energy summarized as the 20/20/20 target (20% renewable energy, 20% greenhouse gas reduction and 20% reduction in energy consumption by the year 2020), the production of heat and energy through biomass constitutes an important pillar.

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PROGRAMME

9:00 - 9:30 Registration

9:30 - 9:45 Opening Session

- **Roby Biwer**, Member of the CoR and rapporteur of Fitness check of Nature Directives
- **Miapetra Kumpula-Natri**, MEP - Industry, Research and Energy Committee and Chair of the Bioeconomy WG - Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development Intergroup
- **Mauro Albrizio**, Policy Officer - Legambiente EU Office

9:45 - 10:15 Introduction to the Intelligent Energy Europe Programme and the BioEUParks project

Promotion of Solid Biomass for energy in the Intelligent Energy Europe Programme:

- **Silvia Vivarelli**, BioEUParks Project Officer - EASME - European Commission

BioEUParks in-sights:

- **Diego Mattioli**, BioEUParks - project coordinator

10:15 - 11:15 Panel discussion 1: Nature Conservation and Biomass Exploitation

Theme: Can the exploitation of wood biomass be compatible with biodiversity conservation priorities and the management of natural resources in European Protected Areas?

Moderator: **Federico Minozzi**, EUROPARC Federation Managing Director

Case studies - BIOEUPARKS Project:

- **Danube Ipoly National Park (Hungary)** - **Zsófia Tomcsányi**, Project Manager:
From the alien species removal to the activation of a multimodal short-range supply chain.
- **Sölkötälér Nature Park (Austria)** - **Volkhard Maier**, Park Director:
Nature conservation and landscape management as a sustainable source of biomass.

Panel discussion:

- **Linde Zuidema**, FERN - Bioenergy and export credit agencies campaigner
- **D.J. Bernhard Budil**, Land&Forst Betriebe Austria - Secretary General / European Landowners' Organization (ELO)
- **Peter Löffler**, DG Environment, Unit Agriculture, Forest and Soil
Finding the right balance - Biomass use and EU policies on biodiversity and nature

Conclusion:

- **María Gafo Gómez-Zamalloa**, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, Unit Bioenergy, Climate Change and Forests - European Commission

11:15 - 11:30 Coffee Break



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PROGRAMME

11:30 - 12:30 Panel discussion 2 - The contribution of Protected Areas to the EU Energy Policy

Theme: Protected Areas leading new models for local development based on sustainable energy: a way to contribute to the EU climate and energy targets?

Moderator: Dr. Nike Krajnc, Slovenian Forestry Institute - Head of Department for Forest Technique and Economics

Case studies - BIOEUPARKS Project:

- Kozjansko Regional Park (Slovenia) - Teo Hrvoje Orsanic, Park Director: Model of social responsible energy thermal district in protected areas.
- Sila National Park (Italy) - Dr. Michele Laudati, Park Director & Rodopi National Park (Greece) - Christos Karachristos, Senior Expert: Models of sustainable biomass supply chain in protected areas.

Panel discussion:

- Sini Eräjää, European Environmental Bureau - Policy Officer: EU Bioenergy
- Jean-Marc Jossart, The European Biomass Association - Secretary General

Conclusion:

- Bernd Kueper, DG Energy, Unit Renewables and Carbon Capture and Storage Policy - European Commission

12:30 - 13:00 Final remarks

BioEUParks contribution to the EU debate on biomass: Matthias Mossbauer, Fachagentur Nachwachsende Rohstoffe e.V. (FNR) - Agency for Renewable Resources - Advisor for EU Affairs

Conference conclusions: Ignace Schops, President of the EUROPARC Federation

13:00 - 13:15 Questions & Answers

A seasonal walking buffet will be offered after the event.

VENUE

This event is generously hosted by the **Committee of the Regions**

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Bus station: Park Leopold (21, 27)

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REGISTRATION

The conference is free of charge, but registration is compulsory (seats are limited).

Please **REGISTER** here before 27th February.

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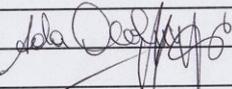
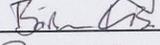
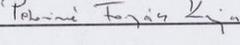
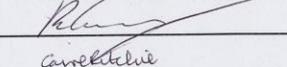
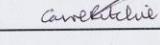
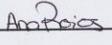
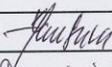
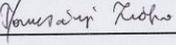
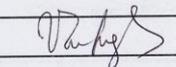
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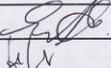
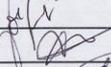
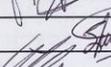
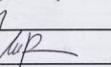
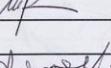
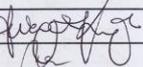
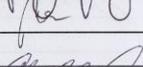
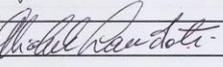
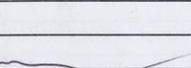
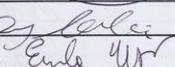
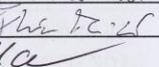
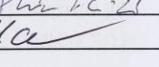
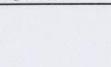
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BioEUParks organises its final project conference on March the 3rd, 2016. The event will be hosted by the Committee of the Regions (CoR) with the patronage of Mr. Roby Bliwer, member of the CoR and rapporteur on the fitness check of Nature Directives. Entitled "European Protected Areas: Sustainable supply chain models" the conference will offer keynote speakers from the EU institutions to provide a framework of the current priorities and initiatives to improve energy sustainability in Europe. Project partners will provide an in-depth analysis of the project results, presenting case studies of setting up local biomass supply chains in Protected Areas. Further, with the contribution of other partner organisations (including AEBIOM), participants will have a chance to discuss the challenges and opportunities arising from sustainable exploitation of solid biomass in Europe. The complete programme can be seen [HERE](#).



BioEUParks is a three-years Project applied under European Intelligent Energy Europe Programme (IEE), which promotes pilot initiatives aimed at supporting energy efficiency and renewable energy policies, addressing the 2012 proposed priority 'Solid biomass'. The project, directly involving 5 European Parks from Austria, Hungary, Slovenia, Italy and Greece, aims at testing new sustainable supply chain developed within European Protected Areas matching the concept of Solid Biomass Exploitation and Sustainable Forest Management.

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February 4, 2016

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During 3 years, parks from Austria, Hungary, Slovenia, Italy and Greece developed small-scale supply chains for solid biomass at a local scale, under the BioEUParks project, partly funded by the European Union. By making use of forest resources and involving local authorities, landowners and businesses, partners developed five models of solid biomass supply-chains, which can now be replicated by other protected areas across Europe. As the main guardians of European biodiversity, protected areas are in a leading position for managing sustainable biomass exploitation, without compromising natural values. Besides, they play an important role as neutral facilitators of the process, by bringing together actors with different needs and expectations.

The development of local supply chains is profoundly influenced by the social, ecologic and economic assets of each country. BioEuParks partners, facing different contexts and challenges, developed tailor-made solutions for their areas. In Rodopi National Park, Greece, to tackle the high costs of installation, a



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