# **TODAYS AGENDA**



- 09:15 09:20 Introduction to the SCALE-UP project: | *Holger Gerdes, Ecologic Institute*
- 09:20 09:30 Biomass streams in the 6 SCALE-UP regions | Frans Feil, BTG Biomass Technlogy Group BV
- **09:30 10:10** Developing a local biomass supply system | *Magnus Matisons, Biofuel Region*
- 10:10 10:20 Short break
- **10:20 11:20** Break-out rooms | Moderated in your language by a facilitator in your region.
- 11:20 10:30 Short break
- 11:30 12:00 Main room Feedback on the key outcomes and questions from the breakout rooms

Conclusions and presentation of the next session Short survey: give your feedback on the training!







# INTRODUCTION TO SCALE-UP

#### Holger Gerdes & Zoritza Kiresiewa Ecologic Institute

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community-driven bioeconomy development



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#### THE SCALE-UP PROJECT

A three-year EU-funded project, aiming to achieve:

- Increased capacity of regional multi-actor partnerships to accelerate the development of marketable bio-based products and services.
- Strengthened collaboration between primary producers, SMEs, clusters, social actors, and policymakers.
- Improved knowledge about nutrient recycling potentials in regional bioeconomies.
- High level of awareness and understanding of the bioeconomy and its impacts on local communities.
- Promotion of a sustainable, inclusive and just regional bioeconomy.





#### **SCALE-UP'S** FOCAL REGIONS



Source: SCALE-UP project





#### THE SCALE-UP TRAINING PROGRAMME

A community-driven, needsbased training programme for bioeconomy development in European rural areas

SAVE THE DATES!

EFFICIENT REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE & BIOMASS LOGISTICS	INTEGRATING PRIMARY PRODUCERS INTO BIO-BASED VALUE CHAINS				
WS4 September & October 2023 07.09.23 / 26.09.23 /19.10.23	WS2 November & December 2023 09.11.23 / 21.11.23 / 07.12.23				
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#### WORK STREAM 1

#### Efficient regional biomass logistics and infrastructure

Challenges and best practices

#### SESSION #1

7 September 2023 from 9 am to 12 pm CEST Introduction to challenges of biomass logistics: Getting into the topic

#### SESSION #2

26 September 2023 from 9 am to 12 pm CEST End-users' challenges in the local value chain: Further building on the insights

#### SESSION #3

19 October 2023 from 9 am to 12 pm CEST Sustainability and policy drivers for a regional bioeconomy: How to move forward





# BIOMASS STREAMS OF THE 6 SCALE-UP REGIONS

Frans Feil, Marisa Groenestege

BTG Biomass Technlogy Group BV

Training session on *efficient regional biomass* logistics and infrastructure



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#### **BIOMASS STREAMS**

- For each region:
  - What are the **biomass** streams?
  - Are they main **product** of **by-product**?
  - Are they produced on the land or at the factory?
  - What are the desired **end products** for this project?
- Final remarks





#### French Atlantic Arc

- Feedstock:
  - Plant fibres:
    - Hemp, straw, miscanthus (main product = primary biomass, produced on the land)
- End use:
  - Biobased insulation panels for buildings





#### Mazovia, Poland

- Feedstock:
  - Residues from apple production:
    - Apple prunings (from the land => primary residue)
    - Apple pomace (from the factory => secondary residue)
- End use
  - Energy/ materials
  - Innovative food products





#### Upper Austria

- Feedstock:
  - By-products:
    - Beer & Bakery production (grains)
    - Fruit production (primary and secondary residues)
    - Sunflower oil (secondary products = from the factory)
- End products:
  - Innovative food products
  - Cosmetics (from sunflower oil press cakes)





#### Strumica, Macedonia

- Feedstock
  - Agricultural residues (from the field = primary residues)
  - By-products of food processing factories
    - (= secondary residues)
- End products
  - Compost





#### Andalusia, Spain

- Feedstock
  - Residues from olive production:
    - Prunings (primary residue)
    - pomace and wastewater (secondary residues)
- End products:
  - Biochar
  - Biomaterials





#### North Sweden

- Feedstock:
  - Logging residues: needles and tops (in the forest: => primary residue)
  - By-products from mills: bark, sawdust, shavings...
     (= secondary residues)
- Endproducts
  - Natural rubber from bark
  - Chemicals from needles





#### Final remarks

- Feedstock availability depends on in short -:
  - Land use, harvesting and competition with other crops (for primary biomass, such as hemp)
  - Harvesting and collection process in the field (for primary residues, such as prunings)
  - Processing system (for secondary residues, such as pomace).
  - Value of product and buying power (= economic availability).
- Environmental constraints
  - Quality of the soil (among other constraints) and possibilities to recycle nutrients (especially for crops).





### THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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#### EFFICIENT BIOMASS LOGISTICS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

#### CHALLENGES AND BEST PRACTISES

Magnus Matisons BioFuel Region 7 September 2023

#### community-driven bioeconomy development



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# **BioEquivation** For the bioeconomy and sustainable transports

BioFuel Region is a member owned non-profit organization working for a well-developed bioeconomy and a low carbon vehicle fleet by initiating, coordinating, and collaborating on project.

Area: 7\*Belgium (221 800 km<sup>2</sup>) 70 % Forest land

The aim is to further develop the region!



#### ACTIONS LEADING THE WAY TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE, CIRCULAR BIOECONOMY <u>EU BIOECONOMY STRATEGY</u>

1. strengthen and scale-up the bio-based sectors, unlock investments and markets

- 2. deploy local bioeconomies rapidly across Europe;
- 3. understand the ecological boundaries of the bioeconomy.





#### DIFFERENT BIOMASS CHALLENGES

#### Dedicated bio crops

Optimized logistics not considering main product

• Forestry or agricultural by products

Low biomass density over large geographical areas, Seasonality

• Bioindustries by products

Dependency on main products

Byproduct logistics is secondary to main product





#### COMMON CHALLENGES

The costs of harvesting, transporting, storing and handling biomass are prime determinants of overall biorefining costs.

Thus, it is vitally important to develop local biomass supply systems that for long time can efficiently supply end-users with sufficient raw material that meets their specific quality and seasonal demands.



#### 20 YEARS HISTORY OF CROSS BORDER COOPERATION development HIGHLY APPLIED RESEARCH ON BIOMASS LOGISTICS



2003 - 2004 Bioenergy from Forest 2005 - 2007 Bioenergy from Forest 2 2009 - 2012 Forest Power 2012 - 2014 Forest Refine 2.5 M € 2016 – 2019- Bio Hub 2.3 M € 2021 – 2022 Added Value 0.6 M €





# FEEDSTOCK COSTS IS OFTEN NEGLECTED

People often make unrealistic optimistic assumptions about things like feedstock costs

- Raw material supply cost often represents >50% of the overall cost for refining
- To be competitive more focus should be put on the feedstock instead of on the technology to process it





DIFFERNT MATURITY OF THE VALUE CHAINS In Sweden forest biomass has provided the basis for significant industrial activitiy for more than 150 years

- Forest biomass value chain very well developed
- All infrastructure available (roads, machinery, know how)
- Add value in an existing value chain



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#### Annual Forest Biomass potential in Sweden Actual use is often much smaller than gross potential



#### SAWMILL BY PRODUCTS ARE PRODUCED AS A RESULT OF SAWMILL OPERATION **ALL THE YEAR AROUND** SCALE

#### Biomass availability is not seasonality, but demand is

Sawdust - 15% of the wood
Today used for pellet production and combustion
Woodchips - 25 % of the wood Today used by the pulp and paper industry
Bark - 10% of the wood - Today used for combustion



#### 28 SAWMIILS IN NORTHEN SWEDEN Location, owner, county, and production of sawn wood for the year 2019

#### 2021- Large increase in price for sawn goods – increased output

Location	Owner	Owner County	
Korpilombolo	Jutos Timber	Norrbotten	60 000
Tärendö	Krekula & Lauri	Norrbotten	52 000
Piteå, Munksund	SCA Wood	Norrbotten	420 000
Piteå, Lövholmen	Stenvalls trä	Norrbotten	140 000
Sikfors	Stenvalls trä	Norrbotten	140 000
Seskarö	Stenvalls trä	Norrbotten	0
Luleå, Örarna	Stenvalls trä	Norrbotten	65 000
Glommersträsk	Glommers Timber	Norrbotten	50 000
Älvsbyn	Älvsbyhus	Norrbotten	40 000
Brattby	Brattbysågverk	Västerbotten	50 000
Rundvik	SCA Wood	Västerbotten	315 000
Malå	Setra Trävaror AB	Västerbotten	210 000
Vännäs	NK Lundströms	Västerbotten	65 000
Sävar	Norra Skog	Västerbotten	256 000
Kåge	Norra Skog	Västerbotten	263 000
Agnäs	Norra Skog	Västerbotten	18 000
Bygdsiljum	Martinsson/Holmen	Västerbotten	430 000
Kroksjön, Skellefteå	Martinsson/Holmen	Västerbotten	117 000
Hissmofors	Norra Skog	Jämtland	120 000
Gällö	SCA Wood/Persson Invest	Jämtland	360 000
Svenstavik	Rödins Trä AB	Jämtland	78 000
Bollsta	SCA Wood	Västernorrland	550 000
Tunadal	SCA Wood	Västernorrland	550 000
Ullånger	MST Sågverk Ullånger AB	Västernorrland	35 000
Örnsköldsvik	Högland	Västernorrland	50 000
Anudsjö, Bredbyn	Högland	Västernorrland	190 000
Fränsta	Callans Trä AB	Västernorrland	85 000
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#### RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY TO BIOREFINERIES

- Coastal Synergies and competition with existing biomass users.
   Proximity to harbour Import /Export
- Inland Close to raw material Raw material supply area full circle



Figure 1. Example of biorefinery locations and supply areas. A: Biorefiney on the coast with local supply, B: Inland biorefinery with local supply, C: Biorefinery on the coast with supply from an inland terminal. Supply area sizes are indicated for two different levels of feedstock requirements. Marginal cost curves – Important tool for design of biorefinery Biorefinery investments are often characterized by economics of scale Raw material supply cost have negative economies of scale









# BIOMASS POTENTIAL IS OFTEN DYNAMIC

- Innovations can be a driver for new products with higher value
- More effective and profitable biomass processing
- End user can pay more
- Higer price gives incentives for primary producers to produce and sell more
- Improved biomass logistics can make more biomass economical available
- Dependency on business for main product Risk/profit sharing

#### The growing forest stock in EU is increasing

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- Incresed demand for biomass results in more biomass – not less
- It gives primary producers incentives to improve forest management to produce more



#### THE COST FOR HARVEST, TRANSPORT, STORING AND HANDLING OF THE BIOMARS Stevelopment IS OF PRIME IMPORTANCE WHEN CALCULATING THE OVERALL COST FOR BIOREFINING









Bulk density of biomass is a major factor in determining the cost and logistics requirements of handling and moving biomass from farm to biorefinery.







# Transport Costs(general example)Lorry200 kmRail-way600 km

20/ton

Ocean ship 10 000 km

20/ton

20/ton

A specially designed rail solution with 26 cars with 3x60 m3 containers providing 4700 m3 loose per train set.

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#### LOADING/UNLOADING IS OFTEN COSTLY

Dependency between different machinery often causes waiting time

 Logistical hot systems are difficult to plan





# POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS SELF LOADING/ UNLOADING



# INFORMATION FLOW BETWEEN DIFFERENT ACTORS

- Biomass logistics is often understood as a flow of biomass from the field to the end users
- Logistics is also a flow of information between different actors in the value chain
- Poor information flow can have a negative impact on feed stock cost and biomass quality
- Multi actor partnership



#### Different actors are doing different things during different time of the year







#### POOR ATTITUDE – POOR LOGISTICS

#### Don't use the word waste!

- It has a negative impact on the work actors involved in the value chain are doing
- It suggests that the biomass resource is for free
- To be fully involved Primary producers also wants some income
- If you introduce a price you can set quality requirements of the biomass resource





#### QUALITY CONTROL OF BIOMASS IS DETERMINED BY END USERS DEMANDS

- Moisture content Effects transport cost and storability
- Calorific value If used as a fuel
- Contaminations –Content of specific compounds (eg sulphur alakali)
- Ash content Process disturbing
- Particle size distribution Feeding of the biomass and processing
- Freshness Some chemicals are volatile and can be lost during handling and storage. Chipping/Crushing accelerates volatility





### PRODUCING MULTIPLE PRODUCTS

- By producing multiple products, a biorefinery can take advantage of the differences in the biomass feed stocks and maximize the value from the biomass feed stocks
- Big incomes can come from small volumes of high value chemicals
- What can you extract from your feedstock ?



Best sources of total polyphenolic concentrations in a spruce tree A case study; potential quantities of polyphenolics



Needles, total phenolics 58 mg GAE/g (average 3 batches) 37 kg in a tree

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Total phenolics in needles: **2 kg** (based on mg GAE/g)

Bark, total phenolics 35 mg GAE/g (average 3 batches) 29 kg in a tree Total phenolics in bark: **1 kg** (based on mg GAE/g)

Branches, total phenolics 7,5 mg GAE/g (average 3) 69 kg in a tree

Total phenolics in branches: 0,5 kg (based mg GAE/g)



# EXTRACTIVES ARE QUICKLY LOST DURING STORAGE



Extractive content analyzed after 0,2,4 and 24 weeks of storage

High temperatures, sunlight and chipping/crushing will increase losses

Conclusion – Biomass must be delivered quickly to industry for refining



# KNOWLEDGE GAP - MISMATCH BETWEEN END USERS EQUALITY DEMAND AND WHAT IS AVAILABLE

#### **Biomass properties**

- Outspread (expensive to harvest and transport) seasonality
- Wet and bulky
- Complex and varied quality
- High ash and alkali
- Varied particle size distribution

End users' quality demand

- Cheap and a warehous
- Dry and densified
- Well defined quality
- Low ash and alkali
- Even particle size ( sawdust)

# SOLUTION BIOHUB

 A business centre, BioHub, which delivers the right assortment to the right place at the right price





#### BREAKOUT ROOMS – DISCUSSIONS

- Regional biomass resources: volumes and spatial distribution, seasonality
- Upgrading and storage of biomass-BioHub
- Multi actor partnership

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What are the main challenges you have identified in your region and how can they be addressed ?

Other topics discussed

Can the SCALE UP platform and multi actor partnerships contribute to solutions ?





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