

Workshop

Sustainability certification for biofuels and bio-energy

29 - 30 January 2009
Brussels

VITO NV

Boeretang 200, BE-2400 MOL, Belgium

Supporting partners:



Workshop organised within IEA Bioenergy Task 40
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Various initiatives exist to develop sustainability certification schemes for biofuels and bio-energy. European initiatives in the Netherlands, United Kingdom, Germany and Sweden have pioneered towards implementation of sustainability criteria for biofuels and bioenergy. Moreover on global level the awareness of sustainability requirements for biomass production is growing.

In January 2008, a draft was proposed for the European Renewable Energy Directive, including requirements that biofuels should deliver a minimum level of greenhouse gas savings, should not be produced from raw material cultivated on land converted from high-carbon-stock or high-biodiversity uses, and should comply with EU environmental requirements for agriculture where applicable. Discussions about inclusion of other criteria is on-going. In any case the adoption of the Directive will be a major step for the market.

The workshop will give an opportunity to learn more about various initiatives, not only in Europe but also globally. Focus of the discussions will be the actual implementation of sustainability schemes and criteria in practise, and the implications for energy and biomass producers. Target audience are biomass producers and traders, fuel and energy producers and other stakeholders involved in biofuels and bioenergy, like governments, NGOs and researchers.

Date

29-30 January 2009

Venue

Boudewijngebouw Brussel
Vlaamse Overheid
Boudewijnlaan 30
1000 Brussels

Registration

The workshop will be held in English.

Participation is free of charge, but advance registration is required through the on-line registration form, available on <http://www.vito.be/evenementen>.

Places are limited by the capacity of the venue, so please only submit your registration if you can definitely attend. In case of cancellation, please inform us asap to cancel your registration.

If the event is fully booked, we may have to limit the amount of participants per organisation. You will be informed in due time.

Deadline for registration: 16 January 2009

We have arranged reduced hotel prices close to the venue. Rooms can be booked through www.resotel.be/bioenergy.

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Programme

Programme 29 January 2009:

- 9h00 Registration
- 9h30 Welcome by the co-chairs
Luc Pelkmans, VITO (B)
Martin Junginger, Copernicus Institute (NL)
- 9h45 International sustainability schemes
Sustainability requirements in the Renewable Energy Directive
Ariane de Dominicis, European Commission, DG Environment
First implementations of sustainability schemes in European countries
Florence Van Stappen, Walloon Agricultural Research Centre (BE)
Initiatives toward sustainability of biofuels production in Brazil
Arnaldo Walter, University of Campinas (BR)
New US Environmental Protection Agency rules for biofuel production
Richard Nelson, Kansas State University (USA)
Roundtable on Sustainable Biofuels
Maryline Guiramard, Roundtable on Sustainable Biofuels (CH)
Q&A
- 12h15 Lunch

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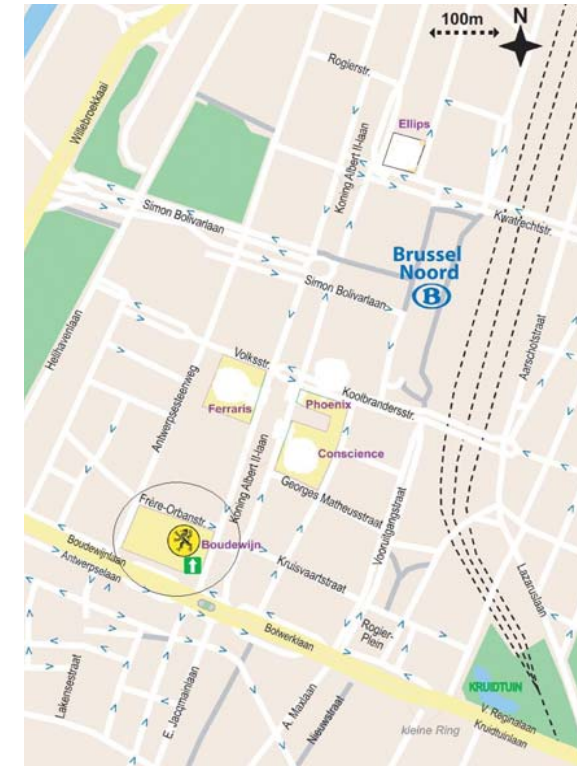
- 13h30 Environmental impact assessment
Greenhouse gas calculation methods
Jinke van Dam, Copernicus Institute (NL)
The role of indirect land use change in the greenhouse gas balance
Uwe Fritsche, Öko-Institut (DL)
Prospective Environmental Assessment of Harvest Residues for Energy in Canada
Evelyne Thiffault, Canadian Forest Service
Douglas Bradley, Canadian Bioenergy Association
Towards integrated sustainability assessment for energetic use of biomass
Veerle Buytaert, VITO (B)
- 15h15 Coffee
- 15h45 Certification in practise
Experience on certification of imported biomass pellets
Yves Ryckmans, Laborelec (BE)
Sustainability certification on the field
Kris Truyens, SGS (BE)
Questions & discussion
- 17h00 Conclusions
- 17h15 Closing drink, offered by the Flemish Energy Agency (VEA)

Programme 30 January 2009:

On Friday 30 January 2009 a site visit will be organised to a biomass powered electricity production plant of Electrabel in Les Awirs, near Liège.

The bus to Les Awirs will leave at Brussels North station at 9h00; return expected around 15h00.

How to get there



The venue is at walking distance of the Brussels North train station.