

Webinar 10 December 2021, 10:00 – 12:00 CET



Biomass for energy purposes – True and false about climate impact

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Currently, use of biomass for energy purposes, such as fuel production, is widely and intensively debated in the European Union by forestry and agriculture representatives, researchers, decision-makers, NGOs and many others. Many claims are asserted with determination, but what is true and what is false?

Certain questions keep recurring: Is extraction of biomass sustainable from a climate perspective? Is there biomass enough to provide for the many different needs? And what about biological diversity, can it be secured?

This webinar presents current research on these topics with the aim of broadening and deepening the knowledge base for the ongoing debate.

Countries and regions differ and analyses of possibilities for the use of biomass must always be specific and based on local circumstances. At this webinar Sweden will serve as a concrete example.

The webinar is hosted by Members of the European Parliament:

Jessica Polfjärd, member of the European People's Party (EPP) serving on the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) where she is the vice coordinator on behalf of EPP.

Erik Bergkvist, member of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D). Member of the committee of regional development, and a substitute of the Committee on Budgets (BUDG) and of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE).

Agenda	
10.00	Opening statements by MEP Jessica Polfjärd and MEP Erik Bergkvist
10.10	<i>Possibilities for extending use of biomass resources in a sustainable way</i> Pål Börjesson, Prof. Environmental and Energy Systems Studies, Lund University
10.35	<i>Climate effects of forest biomass and bioenergy</i> Göran Berndes, Prof. Biomass and Land Use, Chalmers University of Technology
11.00	<i>Reflections on the bioenergy debate in EU</i> Mikael Karlsson, Associate Prof. Dept of Earth Sciences, Uppsala University
11.25	Panel discussion
11.50	Closing remarks
12.00-12.30	Continued discussions with speakers in an informal mingle with possibility to request the floor

Moderated by Annika Åhnberg, advisory board member Renewable transportation fuels and systems, Chair f3.

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