

IEA Bioenergy TASK 40

Sustainable International Bioenergy Trade - Securing Supply and Demand

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ABOUT US

Task 40 is an international working group under the IEA Bioenergy Implementing agreement. We conduct studies and organize events on various topics related to sustainable international bioenergy trade. Follow us on:

<http://www.bioenergytrade.org>

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Upcoming events

IEA Bioenergy Conference 2015 - Realising the world's sustainable bioenergy potential, Berlin, 26-29 October 2015



Under the auspices of the German Federal Minister of Food and Agriculture, Christian Schmidt, the bioenergy conference of the International Energy Agency (IEA) will take place from 26 to 29 of October 2015 in Berlin. The conference offers information on the latest developments in the bioenergy sector to experts from industry, academia and policy making. Under the slogan "Realising the World's Sustainable Bioenergy Potential" you can expect over 40 lectures and four field trips covering ten thematic fields. Registration is open as of now until 29 September 2015 through the conference website www.ieabioenergy2015.org.

More information is available [here](#).

Publications

Country Reports 2014



Task 40 has compiled new country reports for the year 2014. These country reports identify domestic biomass resources in each member countries, and their current use, trends, and main users. They also highlight policy support and expected biomass use in 2020 (and beyond). In addition, the reports present the status of international biomass trade for energy and biomass prices. Finally, drivers, barriers and opportunities of international bioenergy trade are also discussed. The latest reports: [Austria](#) | [Brazil](#) | [Denmark](#) | [Finland](#) | [Germany](#) | [Netherlands](#) | [Norway](#) | [Sweden](#) | [US](#).

Past events and presentations

"Biomass Trade and Supply in a Global Bio-Based

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Economy", Sassari, Sardinia, Italy, 5-6 May 2015



Many governments across the globe have defined national 'bioeconomy' strategies. However, it remains unclear how the current economy will shift towards a future bioeconomy where chemicals, materials, transport fuels, and other high-value products are derived from non-food materials. Under the banner of "Biomass Trade and Supply in a Global Bio-Based Economy", IEA Bioenergy Tasks 40 and 42, together with the European Commission funded project DiaCore, have hosted a workshop on May 5 in Sassari, Italy. Draft findings of a recent Intertask study between Tasks 34, 40, and 42 as well as results of DiaCore on the same topic were presented, and the viewpoints of policy makers and representatives from the biofuels, biopower, and logistics industry were discussed. The workshop also included a site-visit to the MATRICA Biorefinery (a Versalis-NOVAMONT joint venture). The individual presentation can be downloaded [here](#), or all presentations in a zip file [here](#).

"Visions for bio-energy trade in the Baltic Sea region in a ten year perspective", at Conference Nordic Baltic Bioenergy, Riga, Latvia, 15 April 2015



Bioenergy commodities are increasingly subject to international trade. But how will this trade develop in the Nordic Baltic region in the coming ten years, and what are the driving forces? Will biogenic raw materials, woodchips, pellets and liquid biofuels be important sources of income to producers and traders in the North European region? IEA Bioenergy Task 40 has organised a conference session about bioenergy trade on at Conference Nordic Baltic Bioenergy, Riga, Latvia. The session has gathered speakers from Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Latvia and the Netherlands. The presentations will be available on Task 40 website soon. More information is available [here](#). Presentation of Martin Junginger and Anders Evald are available [here](#).

"Biomethane International", at 12nd International Conference on Biofuels, Berlin, 19-20 January 2015



On 20 Jan 2015, the 4th "Biomethane International"-Session was carried out within the conference "Fuels of the Future" in Berlin. The current event was organised in close cooperation between the DBFZ and the IEA Bioenergy Task 40. The session was chaired by prof. Dr. Daniela Thrän. The aim was to address international experts and stakeholders

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from economy, science and politics. In total, approximately 40 experts joined the session while presentations were held by international experts from five countries. They provided insight in the global and national status and trends for biomethane production and trade. The workshop summary is available [here](#). The presentations are also available [here](#)
