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The European Wood Pellet Market for Small-Scale Heating

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Presentation Summary:

In this webinar we summarise the findings of an extensive quantitative wood pellet market analysis based on trade flow data, price developments over time, exchange rate fluctuations and temperature data. The focus lies on the main European small-scale heating countries including Italy, Germany, Sweden, France and Austria since January 2012 when bilateral trade data became available in the European statistics. Market parties have been consulted to get anecdotal evidence and expert opinions to help interpret the results. We describe and analyse (1) the current market status with regards to internationally traded volumes of wood pellets and potentially underlying drivers as well as (2) the general state of the market for wood pellets for small-scale heating regarding international market integration and other market characteristics. Our aim is to discern key market drivers, especially when it comes to interactions between national markets. Therefore, we want to discuss with you our conclusions with regards to data availability, research gaps, detectable trade patterns and wood pellets commoditisation process limitations.

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