

The Role of Different Market Actors in Biomass Markets

IEA Bioenergy Task 40 Project Proposal

Background

- “Italy import pellets from Austria” is not a complete description
 - **Who** in Austria are producing these pellets?
 - Company size? Ownership patterns?
 - **Who** are transporting these pellets across the Alps?
 - Independent transporters/traders? Owned by producers or consumers?
 - **Who** are buying these pellets?
 - Retailers? Individual consumers?
 - What are the business practices? Contract lengths? Price indices?

Why interesting?

- Add reality to statistics
- Improve market transparency
- Necessary for policy makers to understand on-ground effects of policies

Project objectives

1. Identify key market actors on supply/demand sides (global, EU, national)
 - a. Use of statistics (e.g., *Bioenergy International* pellet map)
 - b. T40 member case contributions
2. Structure of international biomass trade
 - a. Who does what? Changes over time?
 - b. Role of traders/shippers/brokers?

Points of discussion

- Only pellets?
 - Wood chips?
- Case study approach or “cover everything” approach
- Timeline?