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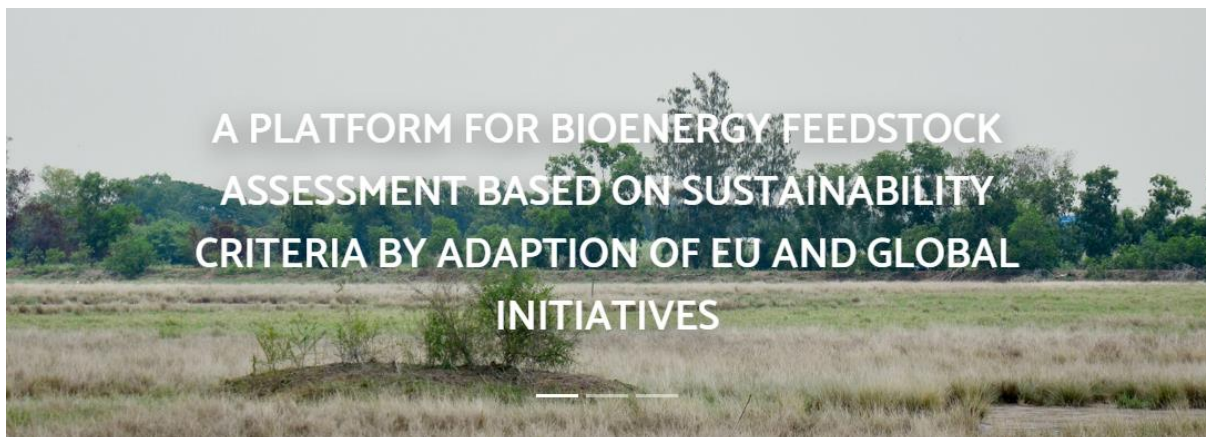
Welcome to the first edition of the BIOPLAT-EU Newsletter!

The objective of the project is to promote the market uptake of sustainable bioenergy in Europe using marginal, underutilized, and contaminated (MUC) lands for non-food biomass production through the provision of a web-based platform that serves as decision support tool.



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About the project



1. **Creation of a database of maps of MUC** in Europe that will be generated based on high resolution data.
2. **Development of a public user-friendly tool** (STEN: Sustainability Tool for Europe and Neighbouring countries).
3. **Development of a web-based platform**
4. **Mobilisation and involvement of stakeholders**
5. **Communication with authorities** on how to remove legal or political market uptake barriers.
6. **Provision of technical support to stakeholders** on aspects linked to biomass production and processing, market access, management and access to finance, etc.

Project Kick-Off Meeting



The kick-off meeting was organised by **WIP Renewable Energies** at their premises in **Munich**, on **07-08 November 2018**. The objective of the event was to summarise the work programme and to present the main activities and responsibilities per partners and per work packages throughout the implementation of the project. The kick-off meeting was also attended by the project officer of the funding authority.

Definition of MUC lands

The following land types will be investigated in the project:

- **Marginal land:** A land is defined marginal when there exist limitations that in aggregate are severe for sustained application of a given use ¹
- **Underutilized land:** A land for which time series show no utilization (excluding thus also grazing activities) for more than 5 years.
- **Contaminated land:** Occurs in a land where the concentration of a chemical or substance is higher than would occur naturally but is not necessarily causing harm ²

Sources:

1 - <http://www.fao.org/wairdocs/tac/x5784e/x5784e05.htm#2.1.%20marginal%20lands>

2 - <http://www.fao.org/3/I9183EN/i9183en.pdf>



Next related event

The "**European Bioenergy Future**" is a one-day international event bringing together policy and market players in the bioenergy sector. Organised by the leading European trade association for bioenergy, **Bioenergy Europe**, the event is a platform for all stakeholders in bioenergy to learn and network - and most importantly a place for the market to get to meet policy makers. Date of the event: **November 14th, 2018 from 9:00 AM to 17:00 PM**. Location of the event: **Deutsche Messe (Hannover fair grounds)** Northern Entrance, Convention Centre Room 1A, Hermesallee, 30521, Hannover, Germany.



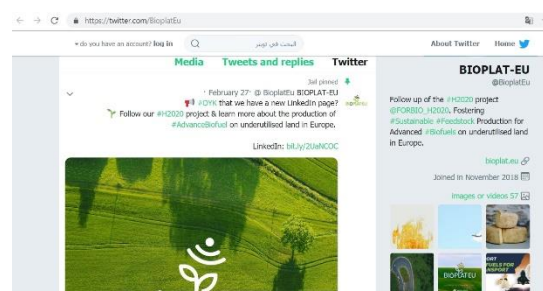
Related project: NEW-C-LAND



The New-C-Land project contributes to the development of a biobased economy and encourages the sustainable development of plant biomass which is then transformed into energy and material **on marginal land (unused and neglected sites)**. The project is funded by the European Regional Development Fund, OVAM, Provincie West-Vlaanderen and Wallonia.

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