

# **2nd NEWSLETTER**

#### Welcome to the second 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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## **Second Project Meeting**



The second project meeting was organised **by SecBiO** in **Kyiv, Ukraine on 26 September 2019.** The objective of the event was to present the results of the first few months of the project and to pave the way for upcoming work in 2019 and 2020. Status update was provided to all work packages and special discussion was dedicated to ongoing technical work packages: *WP2 - Mapping of MUC lands for bioenergy production in Europe using GIS, WP3 - Web-based platform about MUC lands for bioenergy production in Europe and WP5 - Stakeholder mobilisation and involvement in case study regions.* 



## About the BIOPLAT-EU "STEN" Tool



The BIOPLAT-EU STEN Tool will assess the environmental, social and techno-economic sustainability aspects of scenarios and value chains with respect to specific economic and noneconomic conditions (technical feasibility of RES project) for bioenergy production on MUC land. The tool will allow any stakeholder to search for MUC lands in Europe at a sub-national level. It will give the users specifications about these lands such as agronomic and climatic specifications and consequently what type of biomass can be planted on these lands.



### The Renewable Energy Directive II

In December 2018, the revised renewable energy directive 2018/2001/EU entered into force.

The overall EU target for Renewable Energy Sources consumption **by 2030 has been raised to 32%.** The Commission's original proposal did not include a transport sub-target, which has been introduced by colegislators in the final agreement: Member States must require fuel suppliers **to supply a minimum of 14%** of the energy consumed in road and rail transport by 2030 as renewable energy.

RED Time's Running Out to Save European Biofuels



As the discussions between the European Parliament and the Council continue on the recast of the Renewable Energy Directive (RED II), the European Oilseed Alliance (EOA) calls on policymakers to support European rapeseed producers and acknowledge the role of the EU biofuels sector in the decarbonisation of road transport and the coproduction of proteins for animal feed.



#### **Related event**

The **3rd Bioenergy Market Uptake Projects' Workshop was organised by INEA on 24 January 2019** in **Brussels.** WiP and GEONARDO participated at the event.



The event showcased all on-going Bioenergy Market Uptake projects and participants had the chance to **meet each other and discuss potential synergies**. The event also served as the occasion to discuss what has been done so far in each projects and presenting lessons learnt.



## **Related project: BioEnergyTrain**



European cooperation for higher education
BioEnergyTrain

BioEnergyTrain brings together fifteen partners from six EU countries to create new post-graduate level curricula in key bioenergy disciplines, and a network of tertiary education institutions, research centres, professional associations, and industry stakeholders encompassing the whole value chain of bioenergy from field/forest to integration into the sustainable energy systems of buildings, settlements and regions. The project will foster European cooperation to provide a highly skilled and innovative workforce across the whole bioenergy value chain, closely following the recommendations of the SET-Plan Education Roadmap.



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