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## IEA BIOENERGY Task42 – Biorefining













Biorefining is the sustainable processing of biomass into a spectrum of marketable Biobased Products and Bioenergy



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## **BioEconomy**

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# Sustainable & Synergetic Production and Valorisation of Biomass to Food AND Non-food

framework for Biorefinery-based value chain development and implementation

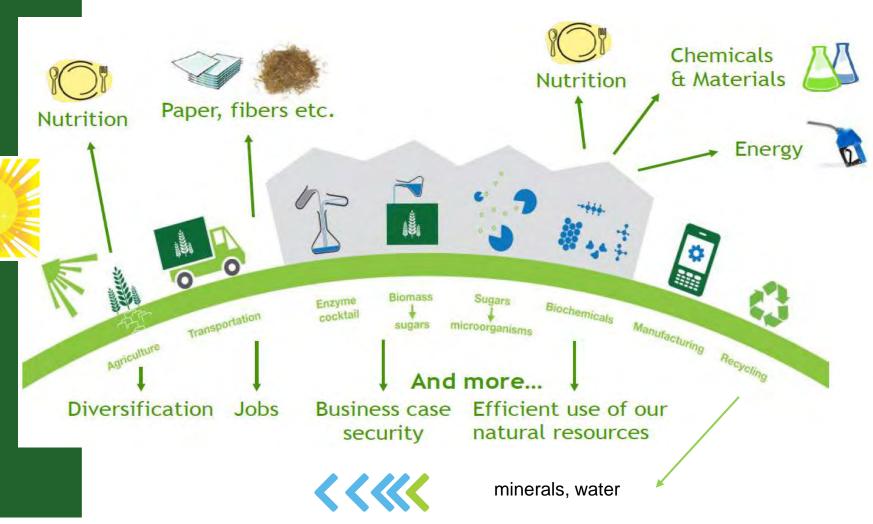
Raw materials
Agro-cultural crops / Wood
Aquatic biomass
Primary (agro) residues
Secondary (process) residues
Tertiary (post consumer) residues



Food/Feed Ingredients,
Bio-based products &
Bioenergy
Pharmaceuticals / Cosmetics
Chemicals / Materials
Fuels
Energy
Heat

## Circular BioEconomy

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#### Task framework

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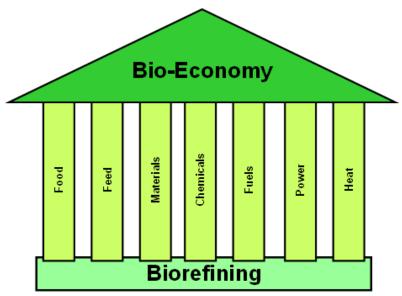
#### **BioEconomy**

Sustainable production and valorisation of biomass to both food, feed, chemicals, materials, fuels, power and heat

 relatively scarce raw material availability

 high-efficient zero waste conversion processes

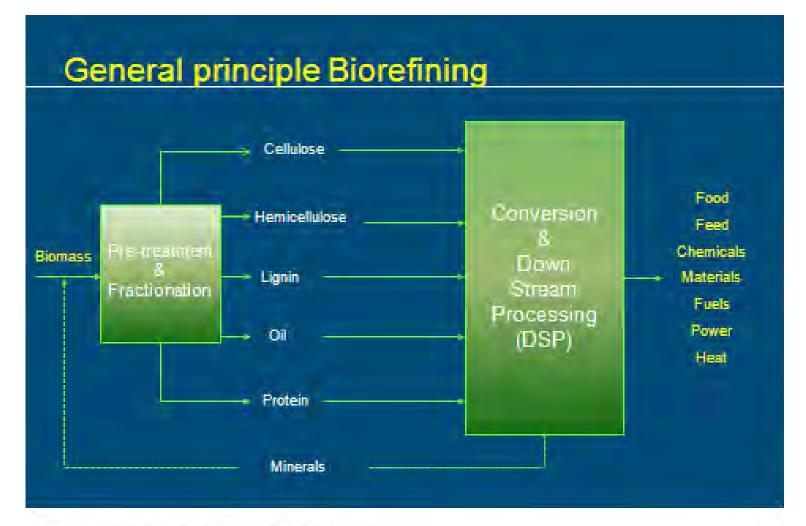
 full sustainable value chain approach



**Biorefining approach** is main driver for large-scale biomass implementation in the future BioEconomy

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## Biorefining – Approach

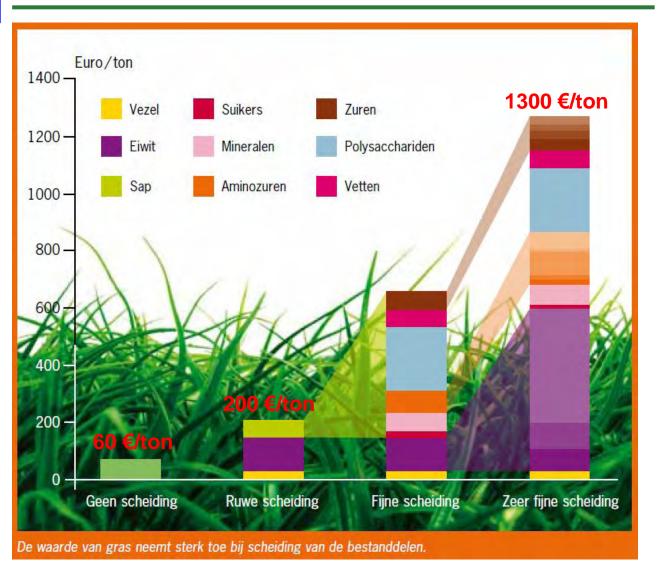




## **Biorefining – Adding Value**

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Energy (fuel) vs. Product (chemicals, materials) driven Biorefineries

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- Energy (fuel) driven BRs
- Infrastructure (value chains) exists (power plants, digestion plants, biofuel plants)
- Profitability questionable (often financial governmental support necessary and/or regulated market)

Upgrading of existing plants / value chains to multi-product BRs to improve full value chain sustainability

- Product (food/feed ingredients, chemicals, materials) driven BRs
- Only limited BBPs facilities in operation yet
- Chain composing key technologies often still at R&D-phase
- + High potential (interested stakeholders, advanced properties)

Deploying new high efficient sustainable biorefinery-based value chains co-producing BBPs & BE

Bioenergy will be the lubricating oil in a future circular BioEconomy

#### Role Specific Task on Biorefining

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In contrast to most of the other IEA Bioenergy Tasks, **Task42 covers**:

- All market sectors being part of a BioEconomy, with a focus on the fuel/energy sectors
- Full sustainable biomass value chain development, optimisation and implementation for the synergetic production of Food and Nonfood
- Multi-product biorefinery concepts and conceptcomposing sub-technology development
- Networking and communication with full value chain stakeholders from different market sectors (multi-sectorial co-production)

#### Results so far ....

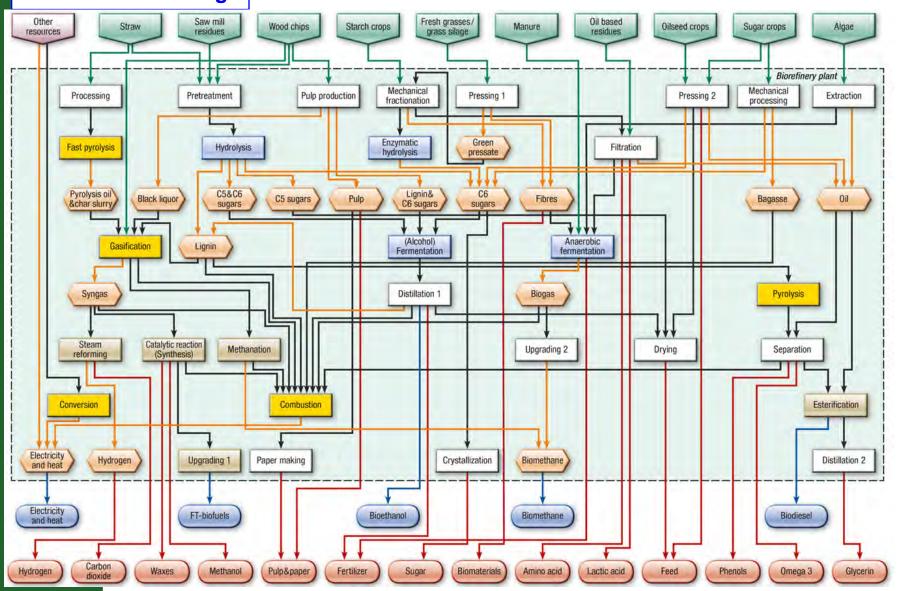
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- Biorefinery definition ....
- Biorefinery classification system ...
   "a <sum platforms> biorefinery for the production of <sum products> from <sum raw materials>"
- Bi-annual Task Progress Meetings in participating countries coupled to industrial stakeholder events and excursions
- Task reports
  - Country reports
  - Bio-based Chemicals (Feb 2012)
  - Biofuel-driven Biorefineries (Feb 2013)
  - Green Building Blocks for Bio-based Plastics (March 2013)
- Biorefinery Training Courses (Amsterdam 2010, Paris 2011, Wageningen 2012)

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#### Results so far .... Classification Scheme

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Source: Joanneum Research, Austria

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### **Example**



A pulp, off-gas, electricity & heat biorefinery for the production of kraft pulp, biomethanol, electricity and heat from wood chips [Alpac Forest Products Inc., Canada]

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### **Example**



A sugars, lignin and syngas biorefinery for bioethanol, power and heat from renewable biomass and MSW [INEOS New Planet Bioenergy, USA]

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## **Example**



A whey biorefinery for ethanol and protein-based food products from milk [Edgecumbe Milk Processing Plant, Fonterra Cooperative Group, New Zealand]

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## **Example**



An oil production and refinery pilot-plant for Omega-3, fuels, chemicals from microalgae [Wageningen UR, the Netherlands]

Results so far .... Reports

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on behalf of IEA Bioenergy — Task42 Biorefinery, addresses the main bio-based chemicals that potentially could be produced from of bio-based chemicals, economic provide an unbiased, authoritative statement aimed at stakeholders

#### **Bio-based** Chemicals



#### Value Added **Products from Biorefineries**

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#### Biofuel-driven **Biorefineries**



A Selection of the Most Promising Biorefinery Concepts to Produce Large Volumes of Road Transportation Bofuels by 2025





Green building blocks

biobased plastics

PAULIEN HARMSEN AND MARTON HACKMANN

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# Work Programme 2013 - 2015



## Goal, programme & partners

Goal To contribute to the development and implementation of sustainable biorefineries – as part of highly efficient zero-waste value chains – synergistically producing Bio-based Food and Non-food Products as base for a global BioEconomy



#### **Programme Tasks 2013-2015**

- 1. Assessment market deployment potential integrated BRs
- 2. Support industrial/SME stakeholders finding their position in the BbE
- 3. Optimal sustainable biomass valorisation using market pull approach
- 4. Policy advice
- 5. Knowledge dissemination (best practices, ...)
- 6. Training

#### **Participating countries**

AUS, AT, CAN, DEN, GER, IRE, IT, JAP, NL (coord.), NZ, US

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## **Partnering countries**

#### national contacts & 2013 budget

Australia – Gill Garnier
Austria – Gerfried Jungmeier
Canada – Maria Wellisch
Denmark – Henning Jorgensen
Germany – Heinz Stichnothe
Ireland – ?
Italy – Isabella De Bari
Japan – Kazunori Habu/Akihiko Kondo
Netherlands – Rene van Ree/Ed de Jong
New Zealand – Kirk Torr
U.S. – Jim Spaeth

Russia potentially also will join this Task during 2013

2013 budget: 219,000 US\$ (166.000 €)

(annual country fee: US\$ 17,500)

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## 1. Assessing market deployment aspects integrated biorefineries

#### 1.1 Tackling technical and non-technical market deployment barriers

- Policies/regulations
- Level-playing-field
- Full chain stakeholder involvement

Technical barriers

assessment & learning from each other

(best practices)

#### 1.2 Identifying disruptive / game changing technologies

- Type of technology
- State-of-the-art

IP position

Stakeholders involved

web, literature & patent assessment

#### 1.3 Central vs. decentral processing

Central processing vs. regional processing

Economy-of-Scale vs. Economy-of-Duplication

International workshop (ws1)

TEE-assessment 5 country

specific value chains,

best-practices, policy recomm.

#### 1.4 Biorefinery-Complexity-Index (BCI)

- Indication complexity BR facility
- Time-to-market
- Stakeholders involvement
- Initial investment costs
- Operational costs

Classification system -> BCI; low-profile activity

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## 2. Stakeholder support finding their position in a future BioEconomy

#### 2.1 Role involved market sectors

Energy sector

Biofuel sector

Chemical sector

Agro(food/feed) sector

Co-operation best practices

Assessment current roles, potential future

roles, and roles during transition

(co-operation!)

International Workshop (ws2a)

#### 2.2 Upgrading of existing industrial infrastructures to Biorefineries

Power plants

Biofuel facilities

Oil refineries

Pulp/paper industry

Food industry

TEE-assessments

(pyrolysis-based in coop. T34)

Report & glossy leaflets

International Workshop (ws2b)

in cooperation with T39

Three per country

#### 2.3 Factsheets major biorefineries / national case-studies

- Success stories
- Classification
- Mass/energy balances
- Capacity
- Costs
- Sustainability issues

#### 2.4 Added-value products from energy-driven biorefineries

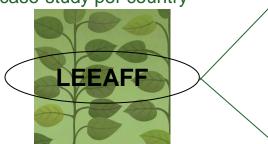
- Update 2012 Bio-based Chemicals Report
- New report on Proteins for Food and Non-food Applications

3. Analysing optimal sustainable biomass valorisation approaches for Food and Non-food applications (market-pull approach)

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#### 3.1 Sustainability assessment toolbox testing (T42/T39)

- Development LEEAFF procedure for BR SA
- One case-study per country



- Land use
- Environment
- Employment
- Acceptability (social aspects)
- Financial aspects
- Feedstock issues

#### 3.2 Sustainable bioenergy supply chains (T43/T42/T40/T39/T38/T29)

Partnering in Strategic Fund Project (50% budget Task42, 50% budget SF)

#### 3.3 Future market demand biomass for the BioEconomy (T40/T42)

- Supply, trade, demand biomass for BioEconomy
- Improved & new value chains
- Task42: types biorefineries = f(time, location, feedstock use)
- Desk study and international workshop (ws3)

#### 3.4 Optimal sustainable biomass valorisation (<u>T42</u>/others)

- Development optimised and new value chains
- Food/feed demand guaranteed
- Demand chemicals/materials guaranteed
- Primary (chain), secondary (process), tertiary (consumer) residues to fuels, power and/or heat
- International seminar for discussion, knowledge dissemination and policy advice

#### 4. Preparing policy advise on further needs

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#### 4.1 "Roadmap" Biorefinery (T42/IEA Headquarters)

 Contributing to potential project to be defined by IEA Headquarters on "Sustainable Biomass Valorisation by the Biorefining Approach"

#### 4.2 Biorefinery (related) policies in participating countries

- Assessment BR (related) policies in participating countries
- Assessment BR (related) at EC, US, ... Level
- Distribution info to GOs
- International workshop (ws4) on biorefinery (related) policy development and implementation at national and international level

#### 4.3 Country reporting

- Current status and developments within partnering countries
- Reports prepared once and updated regularly
- Reports on Task42 website
- PPTs reports made for knowledge dissemination activities

#### 5. Organising knowledge dissemination activities

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#### 5.1 Bi-annual Task meetings + Tele-conferences in between

- Bi-annual closed internal Task42 progress meetings
- Bi-annual coupled open (industrial) stakeholder meetings
- Bi-annual coupled excursions

2013(1): EU (NL); 2013(2): EU (AT); 2014(1): EU (?); 2014(2): non-EU (?); 2015(1): EU (?); 2015(2): coupled to IEA Bioenergy Conference

#### 5.2 Annual Task42 meetings at national level

Organised minimally once-a-year by the national Task representative

#### 5.3 Task42 website

- www.iea-bioenergy.task42-biorefineries.com
- A new website will be in the air from 1 December 2013 !!

#### 5.4 Task42 newsletters

Electronically, 2 times a year

#### 5.5 Task42 reports

- Activity reports (10)
- Country reports (1 per country + updates, and ppts)
- Task meeting reports (2 a year)
- Brochure, poster, leaflets



5.6 International workshops/seminars (6); ind. stakeholder meetings (6)

#### 6. Developing and organising training activities

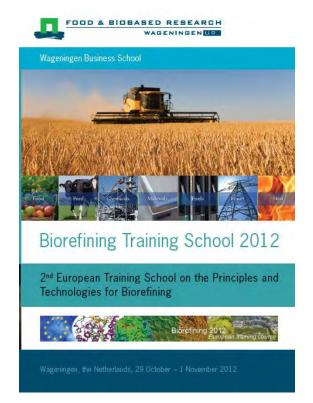
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#### **History**

- One day training course
  - Ghent, Belgium,12 June 2009
  - Amsterdam, NL13 September 2010
- Four day training course
  - Paris, France, 28 August 2011 –
     01 September 2011 (120 att.)
  - Wageningen, NL,29 October 2012 –01 November 2012 (75 att.)

#### 2013 - 2015

- Further development and updating
- Given minimally once-a-year in one of the partnering countries
- Lectures made available by web for teaching outside the EU
- Task42 financial involvement: paying travelling costs Task42 lecturers
- 2013 X
- 2014: 3<sup>rd</sup> European Biorefining Training School, Budapest, Hungary,
   7 10 July 2014



## **Task42 Management**

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Part of the sub-activities are co-ordinated by country representatives

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# Thank you for your attention



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## International Perspectives of Biorefining in a BioEconomy

- Biorefining co-producing food/feed, bio-based products & bioenergy is the way to go for large-scale sustainable use of biomass in a future BioEconomy
- Bioenergy will be the necessary lubricating oil (closing energy and mineral loops) within a future BioEconomy
- We need a clear international level-playing-field for optimal large-scale sustainable biomass production and valorisation
- Biorefining is not new, it is already used for some time in for example the food sector; and now also in other market sectors commercial, demo and pilot facilities can be found
- Development and demonstration of chain composing technologies (separation, ...) is still necessary to further increase the overall the efficiency and lower the costs of BRs

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## International Perspectives of Biorefining in a BioEconomy

- Also some non-technical critical success factors need to be solved and encouraging policies have to developed for large-scale biomass implementation, incl. biorefining
- Please use the international knowledge and technologies available for short-term implementation to start off with the development of an efficient BioEconomy asap
- Biorefining needs a multi-stakeholder approach not only covering the full chain but also involving multiple markets; so please co-operate and talk to each other