

# Österreichische Mitarbeit in IEA Bioenergy Task 42 „Biorefining“

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# Top #10: Presentations of Austrian Task 42 Participation

- **The Possible Role of Biorefineries in a BioEconomy – Activities of IEA Bioenergy Task 42 “Biorefining”**, 4th Central European Biomass Conference Graz/Austria, January 15 – 18, 2014
- **Internationale Entwicklungen am Beispiel der IEA Bioenergy Task 42 “Biorefining”**, VDI-Expertenforum, “Bioraffinerien – Klassifikation und Nachhaltigkeitsbewertung”, 20. Mai 2014, Düsseldorf
- **Facts, Figures and Integration of Biorefineries in a Future BioEconomy – Findings in IEA Bioenergy Task 42 “Biorefining”**, 22th European Biomass Conference , Hamburg, Germany, June 23 – 27, 2013
- **Facts&Figures of Biorefineries Integrated in the Pulp&Paper Industry – Case Studies in IEA Bioenergy Task 42 “Biorefining”**, FUTURE.FORUM PAPER – The Austrian Paper Conference, June 4 – 5, 2014, Graz, Austria
- **The Possible Role of Wood-biorefining in a Biobased Industry**, International Conference on Processing Technologies for the Forest and Bio-based Products Industries (PTF BPI) Kuchl, September 24 -26, 2014

# Top #9: Stakeholder-Workshop

IEA Bioenergy  
Task 42 Biorefining

## Workshop @ i-SUP2014



The role of industry in a transition towards the BioEconomy (BE) in relation to biorefinery

i-SUP2014, Antwerp, Belgium,  
Wednesday afternoon 3 September 2014

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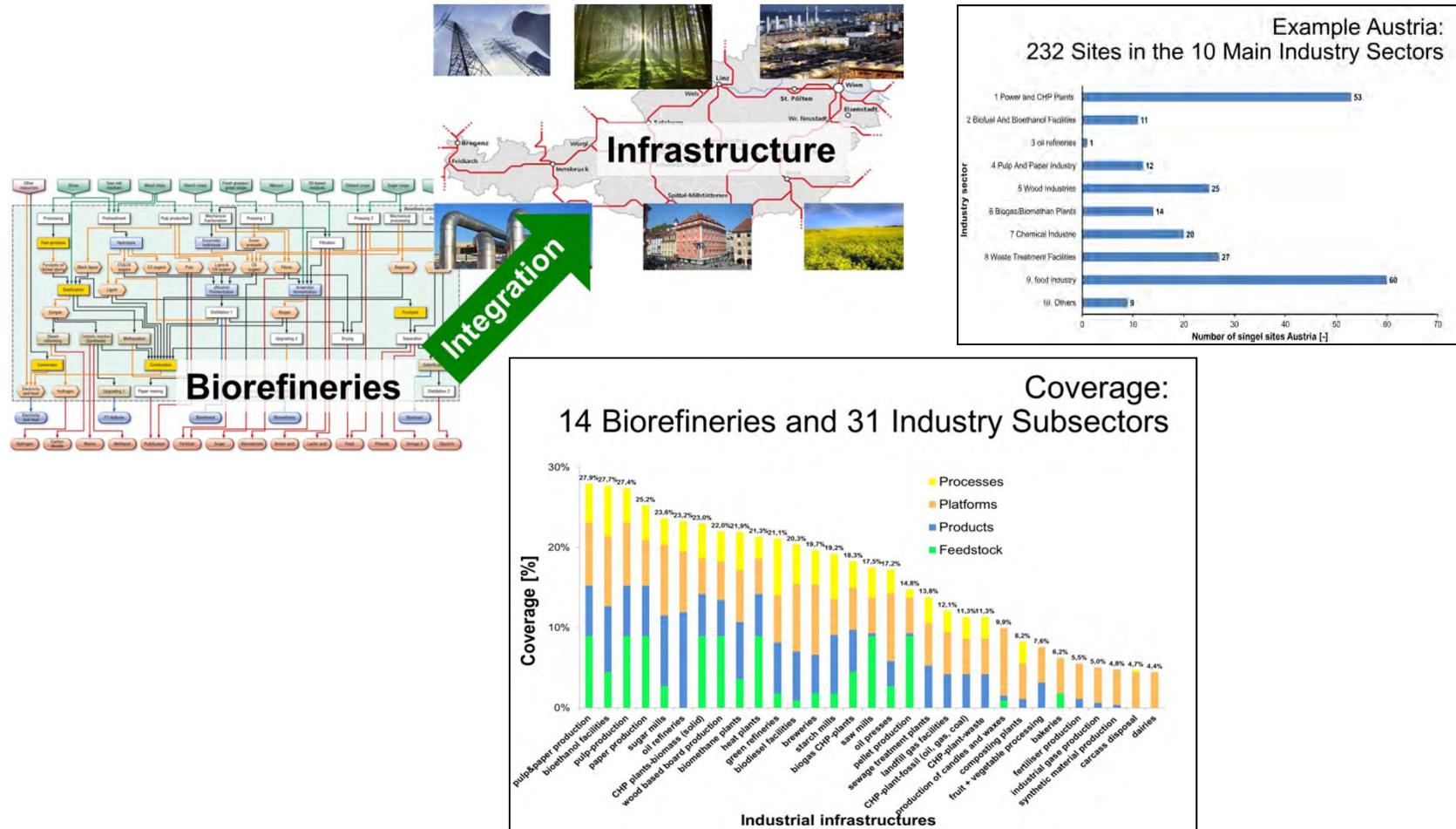
## ■ Scope

- What are the opportunities for upgrading existing industrial infrastructures to sustainable biorefineries?
- What are the changing roles of the different industrial stakeholders (agro, energy, chemical, feed/food industry) in the transition to a BE?

## ■ Approach

- The Role of the Energy Sector
- Questionnaire (also distributed to stakeholders incl. Austria)
- Approach Integration of Biorefineries in Existing Industrial Infrastructures

# Top #8: Integration of Biorefineries into Existing Industrial Infrastructure



# Top #7: IEA Bioenergy and BioEconomy

Australia		bioeconomy	Country specific descriptive information
1.	Scope of strategies*	V	Description of scope considered
	Bioeconomy (B)	V	South Australia
	Bio-based economy (BBE)	V	Biorefineries
	Bio-based industries (BBI)	V	Pulp + Paper
	Bioenergy (BE)	V	Primary industries, feedstocks and supply
2.	National strategies **	V	Description of documents
a.	Document name		Opportunities for Primary Industries in the Bioenergy Sector / National Research, Development and Extension Strategy
Scope:			BEN
Published by:			Australian Environmental Rural Research and Development Corporation
Year:			2014
Priorities:			Primary Industries, Sustainability, biomass feedstocks, supply logistics, policy analysis, capacity building
Language:			English
Other documents ***	V		
b.	Document name		Pulp and Paper Industry Strategy Group - Final Report
Scope:			BB
Published by:			Pulp and Paper Industry Strategy Group
Year:			2010
Priorities:			Innovation (i.e. potential of bioenergy/biofuel production integrate in P&P processes, support of establishing a Bioenergy Research Institute, investment (i.e. expansion of timber plantations), sustainability (i.e. sustainable biomass growth) and productivity
Language:			English
c.	Document name		Australian Government response to the "Pulp and Paper Industry Strategy Group Report"
Scope:			BB
Published by:			Australian Government - Minister for Industry and Innovation
Year:			2012
Priorities:			Establishment of Manufacturing Industry Council, measures taken to support P&P industry strategy (i.e. incentives for private sector investment in new biomass plantations), no statement concerning the establishment of a Bioenergy Research Institute
Language:			English
d.	Document name		Building Biofertiplus: Temperate Biomass Value Chains
Scope:			BB
Published by:			Correll Consulting BIOSCIENCE (commissioned by Governmental Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research)
Year:			2010
Priorities:			Advice to government for development of Biobased Economy strategy, focusing on the use of sugarcane
Language:			English
e.	Document name		Building Biofertiplus: Temperate Biomass Value Chains
Scope:			BB
Published by:			Parrott & Associates (commissioned by Governmental Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research)
Year:			2010
Priorities:			Advice to government for development of Biobased Economy strategy, focusing on the use of temperate biomass
Language:			English
f.	Document name		BioTechnology and Australian Agriculture
Scope:			BB
Published by:			Mr. T. Tsamen (commissioned by Governmental Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry)
Year:			2008
Priorities:			Advice to government for development of a strategy for agricultural biotechnology, optimising the contribution of the next generations of biotechnologies to Australian agriculture and downstream markets as part of an emerging bioeconomy
Language:			English
g.	Document name		Building a Bioeconomy in South Australia 2012-2015
Scope:			BB
Published by:			Government of South Australia
Year:			2012
Priorities:			Strategies to foster the bioeconomy industry in South Australia, focusing on medical devices, environmental solutions, water management and cleantech
Language:			English
h.	Document name	V	The Bioeconomy
Title:			CIBIO
Source:			<a href="http://www.cibio.au/Organization-Structure/Divisions/Ecosystem-Science/The-Bioeconomy.aspx">http://www.cibio.au/Organization-Structure/Divisions/Ecosystem-Science/The-Bioeconomy.aspx</a>
Link:			
i.	Document name		Bioeconomy and Industrial Biotechnology
Title:			Australian Government, Department of Industry
Source:			<a href="http://www.industry.gov.au/divisions/biotechnology/IndustrialBiotechnology/Pages/BioeconomyandIndustrialBiotechnology.aspx">http://www.industry.gov.au/divisions/biotechnology/IndustrialBiotechnology/Pages/BioeconomyandIndustrialBiotechnology.aspx</a>
Link:			
j.	Document name		BioSA
Title:			South Australian Government
Source:			<a href="http://www.bioinnovationsa.com.au/">http://www.bioinnovationsa.com.au/</a>
Link:			
3.	Milestones ****		
4.	Targets ***		
5.	Addressed economic sectors	V	References to documents listed above
Forests			a, b, c, d, e, f
Agroforests			a, b, c, d, e, f
Food and Feed processing		V	b, c
Pulp+Paper			a, c, f
Woodworking industry			a, c, f
Chemical industry			a, c, f
Manufacturing			a, b, c, d, e, f
Bioenergy			a, b, c, d, e, f

- \* Definitions of Scope
  - Bioeconomy (B)
  - Food and feed industries (agriculture, forestry, horticulture, fisheries and aquaculture, plant and animal breeding, the nutrition and beverage industry) + Bioeconomy
- Bio-based economy (BBE)
  - Non-food industries: Biocultural, biomaterial, biomedicine, pulp+paper and wood industries + Bioenergy (including biofuels)
  - Individual and aggregated food industries: Biocultural, biomaterial, biomedicine, pulp+paper and wood industries
- Bio-based Industries (BBI)
  - Individual and aggregated food industries: Biocultural, biomaterial, biomedicine, pulp+paper and wood industries
  - Transportation, logistics, packaging, food, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, personal care products, energy carriers
- \*\* National strategies
  - Governmental Strategies
- \*\*\* Other documents
  - Strategies and reports by industry, research and consulting, governmental responses to such strategies
- \*\*\*\* Targets
  - Only if there is a national BE/BBE strategy

## ■ Identification BioEconomy Strategies in IEA Bioenergy Member Countries

- current status
- approaches
- opportunities for IEA Bioenergy

## ■ Cooperation Italy and Austria

- JOANNEUM: 11 Task 42 countries (Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, United States)
- ITABIA/ENEA: 11 non-Task 42 of IEA Bioenergy (Belgium, Brazil, Croatia, Finland, France, Korea, Norway, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, UK )

# Top #6: 3<sup>rd</sup> European Biorefinery Training Course



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- Presentations:
  - 9 Plenary presentations
  - 18 presentations in parallel modules
- 80 participants (Austria: 5)
- Task 42 contributions:
  - „**IEA Bioenergy Task 42 Biorefining – Sustainable Processing of Biomass for Food and Non-food Applications**“, Rene van Ree, Task leader
  - „**Value Chain Assessment of Biofuel-driven Biorefineries**“, Gerfried Jungmeier, Austrian Team Leader

# Top #5: Working Document „Biorefinery Complexity Index“

*Working Document - 2014-07-09*

**The Biorefinery Complexity Index**  
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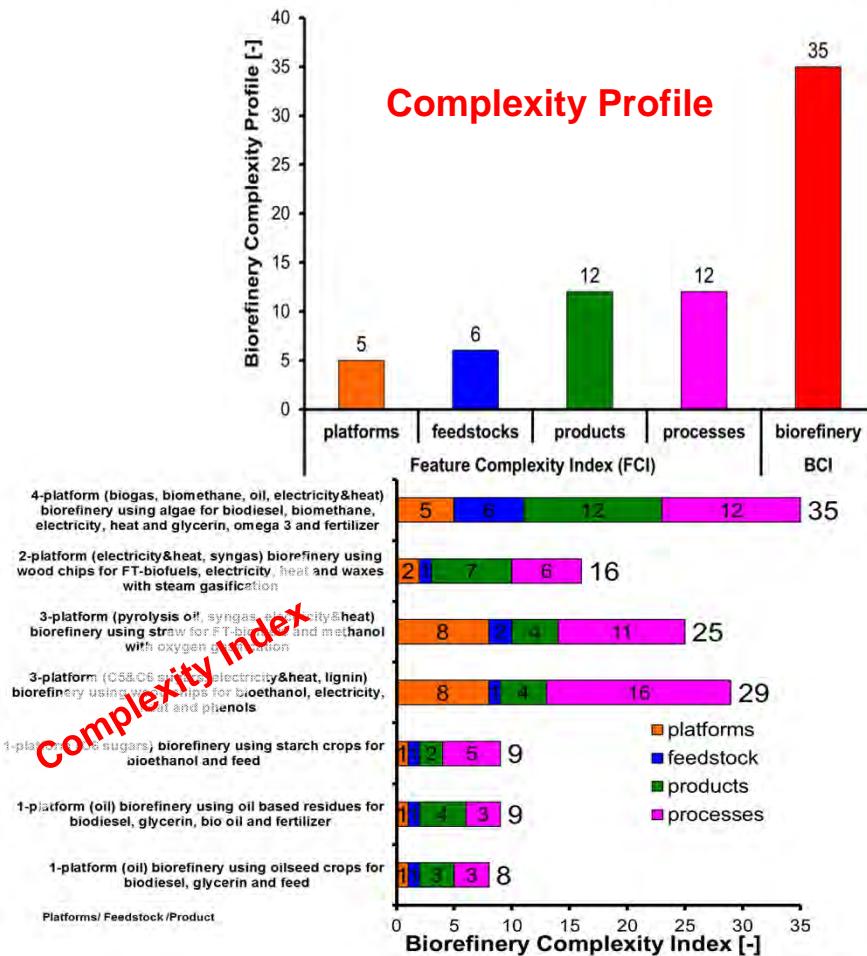
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# Top #4: Austrian Country Report 2014



# Top #3: Biorefinery Fact Sheets

## Part A: Biorefinery Plant

### Biorefinery FACT SHEET

"2-platform (electricity&heat, syngas) biorefinery using wood chips for FT-biofuels, electricity, heat and waxes with steam gasification"

#### Part A: Biorefinery plant

The demonstration scale energy dense biorefinery "2-platform (electricity&heat, syngas) biorefinery using wood chips for FT-biofuels, electricity, heat and waxes with steam gasification" is shown in Figure 11.

Within the "2-platform (electricity&heat, syngas) biorefinery using wood chips for FT-biofuels, electricity, heat and waxes with steam gasification" the wood chips are gasified with steam to produce syngas which is then converted to biofuels in the upgrading step (FT synthesis). The final quality of the transportation FT biofuel is reached in the upgrading step, e.g. hydrotreating. The primary residues are combusted to produce electricity and heat. All other products are sold as products.

Depending on the further successful development beside the steam gasification of wood, which is suitable for smaller scale wood gasification, the gasification with oxygen for larger scale production (oxy-fuel gasification) might be the next step. A large amount of syngas will then be an optimal starting point to produce additional synthetic products depending on the market demand for biomass based chemicals, e.g. methanol.

#### Case study, example

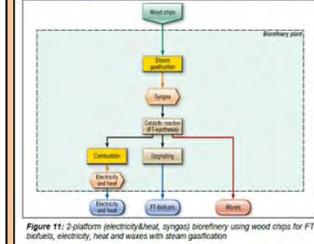


Figure 11: 2-platform (electricity&heat, syngas) biorefinery using wood chips for FT-biofuels, electricity, heat and waxes with steam gasification

Table 3: Key characteristics of biorefinery plant – Austrian feasibility study

Biorefinery plant	
Biorefinery Company Index (Products/Platform/Feedstock/Process)	14.5 (4.5/3/2/5)
State of technology:	conceptual
Products	Auxiliaries (internal)
FT-diesel	105 [Mta]
FT-gasoline	70 [Mta]
Heat	0 [Ptha]
waxes	0.5 [Mta]
Inputs	woodchips
Feedstock	woodchips
Costs	
woodchips	1.459 [ktag]
water content	47% [L]
Efficiencies	
input to products	12.4%
water content	56%
input to transportation biofuel	11.8%
input to energy	49%

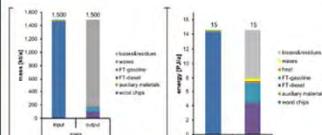


Figure 12: Mass balance of biorefinery plant

Figure 13: Energy balance of biorefinery plant

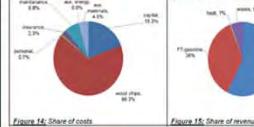


Figure 14: Share of costs

Figure 15: Share of revenues

## Part B: Value Chain Assessment

### Part B: Value Chain Sustainability Assessment

The method of the sustainability assessment – economic and environmental – is given in Annex 1. The main assumptions and modeling choices are documented in Annex 2.

In future the following improvements of the assessment might be possible:

- Reduction of investment costs
- Use of renewable energy for auxiliary energy
- Future products made from glycerine with higher revenues
- Lower area demand due to an yield increase
- Using of straw for various products

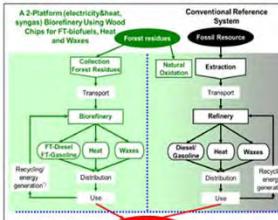


Figure 16: Comparison of biorefinery with conventional reference system on whole value chain (incl. end-of-life treatment)

Table 4: Key characteristics of biorefinery value chain – generic example

Whole value chain	
Greenhouse gas emissions	range
biorefinery	70 (66 to 81) [t CO <sub>2</sub> /Mta]
reference system	100 (89 to 110) [t CO <sub>2</sub> /Mta]
average	86 (87 to 88) [t CO <sub>2</sub> /Mta]
Cumulated energy demand	
biorefinery	0.6 (0.56 to 0.69) [GJ/Mta]
reference system	0.5 (0.42 to 0.5) [GJ/Mta]
total	0.6 (0.42 to 0.69) [GJ/Mta]
Inventory	14.9 (14.4 to 17) [GJ]
reference system	9.8 (9.1 to 11) [GJ]
total	5.2 (2.7 to 5.7) [GJ]
Agricultural area demand	
biorefinery	0 (0 to 0) [ha/Mta]
Conventional Reference System	
Costs	
annual costs	220 (190 to 250) [M€/Mta]
total costs	1,200 (1,100 to 1,400) [M€/Mta]
Revenues	
annual revenues	204 (190 to 260) [M€/Mta]
total revenues	1,200 (1,100 to 1,400) [M€/Mta]

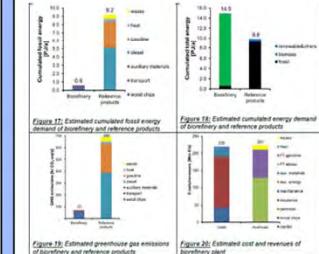


Figure 17: Estimated cumulated fossil energy demand of biorefinery and reference products

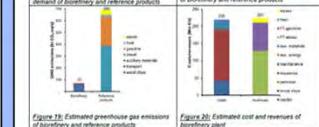


Figure 18: Estimated greenhouse gas emissions of biorefinery and reference products

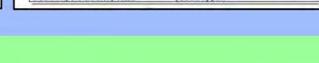


Figure 19: Estimated cost and revenues of biorefinery plant

## Annex:

### Methodology of sustainability assessment and data with references

- 8 Biorefinery Fact Sheets are ready
- Cooperation with Task 34 "Liquid Fuels" and Task 37 "Pyrolyses": identify 2 – 4 common biorefinery fact sheets

# Top # 2: New Task 42 Brochure 66 pages with 4 Austrian Biorefineries

**IEA Bioenergy** is an International collaboration set up in 1976 by the International Energy Agency (IEA) to improve international co-operation and information exchange between national bioenergy RD&D programmes. Its Vision is that bioenergy is, and will continue to be, a substantial part of the sustainable use of biomass in the Bio-Economy. By accelerating the sustainable production and use of biomass, particularly in a Biorefining approach, the economic and environmental impacts will be optimised, resulting in more cost-competitive bioenergy and reduced greenhouse gas emissions. Its Mission is facilitating the commercialisation and market deployment of environmentally sound, socially acceptable, and cost-competitive bioenergy systems and technologies, and to advise policy and industrial decision makers accordingly. Its Strategy is to provide platforms for international collaboration and information exchange, including the development of networks, dissemination of information, and provision of science-based technology analysis, as well as support and advice to policy makers, involvement of industry, and encouragement of membership by countries with a strong bioenergy infrastructure and appropriate policies. Gaps and barriers to deployment will be addressed to successfully promote sustainable bioenergy systems. The purpose of this brochure is to provide an unbiased, authoritative statement on biorefining in general, and on the specific activities dealt with within IEA Bioenergy Task42 on Biorefining, aimed at stakeholders from the agro-sector, industry, SMEs, policy makers, and NGOs.

## IEA BIOENERGY Task42 BIOREFINING



**Sustainable and synergistic processing of biomass into marketable food & feed ingredients, chemicals, materials and energy (fuels, power, heat)**

**IEA Bioenergy Task42 Biorefining**

The IEA Bioenergy Task42 on Biorefining aims to develop a sustainable, integrated, and synergistic processing of biomass into marketable food & feed ingredients, chemicals, materials and energy (fuels, power, heat). The Task42 will facilitate the development of a sustainable bioeconomy by addressing the following areas:

- Process integration:** Develop integrated processes for the conversion of biomass into marketable products.
- Resource efficiency:** Optimize resource use and reduce waste generation.
- Environmental impact:** Minimize environmental impact through life cycle assessment and mitigation measures.
- Policy and market analysis:** Provide policy recommendations and market analysis to support the development of the bioeconomy.
- Technology transfer:** Promote the transfer of advanced biotechnology and knowledge to industry and other stakeholders.

By achieving these goals, Task42 will contribute to the development of a sustainable and competitive bioeconomy, ensuring the long-term availability of renewable resources and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

**KETI MeCRACK Pilot Plant (Austria)**

Type of facility: Biorefinery

Type of biomass: Cellulosic biomass (switchgrass, corn stover, wood chips, straw, etc.)

Location: BMV Energier Schatzbergstrasse, Austria

Owner: BMV Energier International AG

Description: The KETI MeCRACK pilot plant is a demonstration plant for the conversion of lignocellulosic biomass into biofuels and biochemicals. The plant uses a two-stage process: a hydrolysis stage followed by a fermentation stage. The hydrolysis stage converts cellulose into glucose, which is then fermented into ethanol. The plant also produces organic acids and other biochemicals.

Costs: €1.5 million (including land, equipment, etc.)

**ACRANA Biorefinery Puchendorf (Austria)**

Type of facility: Biorefinery

Type of biomass: Cellulosic biomass (switchgrass, corn stover, wood chips, straw, etc.)

Location: ACRANA Biorefinery Puchendorf, Austria

Owner: ACRANA Biorefinery Puchendorf

Description: The ACRANA Biorefinery Puchendorf is a demonstration plant for the conversion of lignocellulosic biomass into biofuels and biochemicals. The plant uses a two-stage process: a hydrolysis stage followed by a fermentation stage. The hydrolysis stage converts cellulose into glucose, which is then fermented into ethanol. The plant also produces organic acids and other biochemicals.

Costs: €1.5 million (including land, equipment, etc.)

**Ketana Algae Biorefinery (Austria)**

Type of facility: Biorefinery

Type of biomass: Microalgae (green algae, cyanobacteria producing biofuels, microalgae for food, algae, algae feedstock and biochar from microalgae)

Location: Tullnerbach am Leithagebirge, Austria

Owner: Ketana Biotech GmbH

Description: Ketana Algae Biorefinery is a demonstration plant for the conversion of microalgae into biofuels and biochemicals. The plant uses a two-stage process: a cultivation stage followed by a harvesting stage. The harvested microalgae are then processed into biofuels and biochemicals.

Costs: €1.5 million (including land, equipment, etc.)

**PITS-Biorefinery (Austria)**

Type of facility: Biorefinery

Type of biomass: Cellulosic biomass (switchgrass, corn stover, wood chips, straw, etc.)

Location: PITTs-Biorefinery, Austria

Owner: PITTs-Biorefinery

Description: The PITS-Biorefinery is a demonstration plant for the conversion of biomass into biofuels and biochemicals. The plant uses a two-stage process: a hydrolysis stage followed by a fermentation stage. The hydrolysis stage converts cellulose into glucose, which is then fermented into ethanol. The plant also produces organic acids and other biochemicals.

Costs: €1.5 million (including land, equipment, etc.)

# Top # 1: Classifications System is used more and more...

**Joint European Biorefinery Vision for 2020 Star-COLIBRI**  
STRATEGIC TARGETS FOR 2020 – COLLABORATION INITIATIVE ON BIOREFINERIES

**European Bio**

**NACH SUPER E10: WELCHE ROLLE FÜR BIOKRAFTSTOFFE?**  
Fakten, Trends und Perspektiven

**VDI-RICHTLINIEN**  
VDE-VEREIN DEUTSCHER INGENIEURE  
Klassifikation und Gütekriterien von Bioraffinerien  
Blatt 1  
Entwurf

**ICS 13.020.20, 65.040.20, 71.020**

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**Vorberichtigung – auch für unerbetriebliche Zwecke – nicht gestattet**

**Green building blocks for biobased plastics**

**PAULIEN HARMSEN AND MARTIJN HACKMANN**

**WAGENINGEN URN**

**Roadmap Bioraffinerien**  
Im Rahmen der Aktionspläne der Bundesregierung zur stofflichen und energetischen Nutzung nachwachsender Rohstoffe

IEA Bioenergy aims to facilitate the commercialisation and market deployment of environmentally sound, socially acceptable, and cost competitive bioenergy systems and technologies

### Activities

Knowledge dissemination

Market deployment

Stakeholder positioning

Sustainable biomass valorisation

Policy advice

Training



Task 42 Biorefining: Sustainable processing of biomass into a spectrum of marketable food & feed ingredients, bio-based chemicals, materials,...

[Read more](#)

### News

New map of US biorefineries available

March 28, 2014

Project results presented at conference

February 17, 2014

Tomorrow's Energy - Setting in Graz  
The online Conference  
January 6, 2013

Biofuel-driven Biorefineries Report 2013

February 1, 2013

Poster IEA Bioenergy Task42

### Calendar

April 8, 2014

7th Int'l

Conference  
2014: A Conference for a  
Low Carbon Future - Edmonton,  
Canada

May 12, 2014 - Conference

9th Biopolymer Symposium -  
Philadelphia, USA

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- Multi-sectoral stakeholder involvement in the development and implementation of sustainable value chains
- Technology development and biorefinery scale-up using best

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