# Bioenergy Prospects in EU

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# Our Team at Bioenergy Europe





## About Us



**Common voice** of European bioenergy since 1990



Unites more than **40 associations** and around **150 companies** 



Hosting the European Pellet Council (EPC)



Quality & Sustainability **Certifications** 



## **Our Services:**



**EU Policy Monitoring & Influence** 



**Market Data** 



Visibility



Networking



Free & Discounted Events

## Our Members

\*as of August 2023



#### Companies



#### **Associations**



#### Academia















## Our Working Groups

**Bi**energy

### **Members Only**



#### **Pellets**

Next Date: H1 2024 (TBD)

Main topics: updates on European and global pellet markets (residential, commercial, industrial); pelletization technologies; agropellets and advanced pellets; communication and promotion of pellet usage



#### **Competitiveness**

Next Date: 16 Nov 2023

Main topics: policy files affecting the competitiveness of bioenergy sector within the EU (e.g. carbon tax, state aid, RePowerEU, Net Zero Industry Act, etc.)



#### **Agro-biomass**

Next Date: 17 Oct 2023

Main topics: markets and emerging initiatives for the use of agricultural residues, agro-industrial residues and energy crops; interconnections between agriculture & energy policy files



#### **Sustainability**

Next Date: 31 Oct 2023

Main topics: EU legislation impacting the sustainable mobilization of biomass feedstocks for energy production, e.g. RED II, RED III, Taxonomy, etc.



#### **Wood Supply**

Next Date: 12 Sep 2023

Main topics: markets for wood fuels (e.g. wood chips, sawdust, firewood, etc.); market and policy factors affecting wood supply; forest management & interaction with wood fuels markets



#### **Domestic Heating**

Next Date: 27 Sep 2023

Main topics: policy files related to biomass use for the domestic heating sector, such as building regulations, air emissions, Ecodesign and Ecolabelling regulations for biomass stove & boilers



#### Carbon Dioxide Removals

Next Date: 8 Nov 2023

Next Date: 26 Sep 2023

Main topics: policy files regarding negative emissions (e.g carbon removals certification framework); technologies and projects for carbon removals from biomass (e.g. BECCS and biochar)



#### Task Force National Advocacy

Next Date: 21 Sep 2023

Scope: enhance cooperation between Bioenergy Europe and National biomass associations for more effective advocacy on EU and national levels



#### **Task Force Communications**

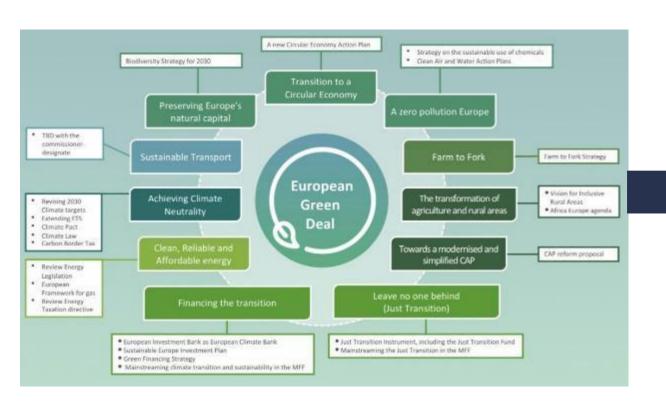
Scope: share experiences and coordinate efforts on issues related to bioenergy communication for policy makers, stakeholders and the general public

# Journey towards net-zero economy



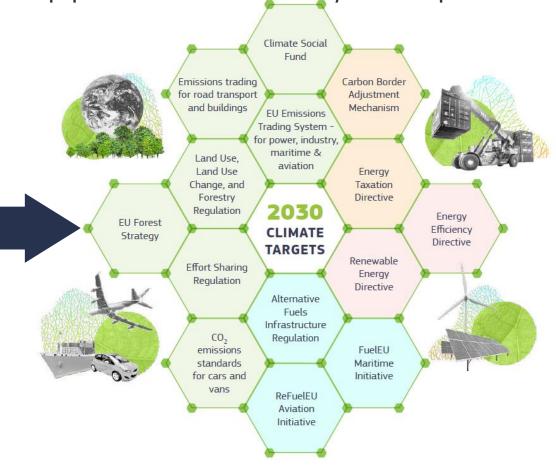
#### **GREEN DEAL**

Reaching climate neutrality by 2050



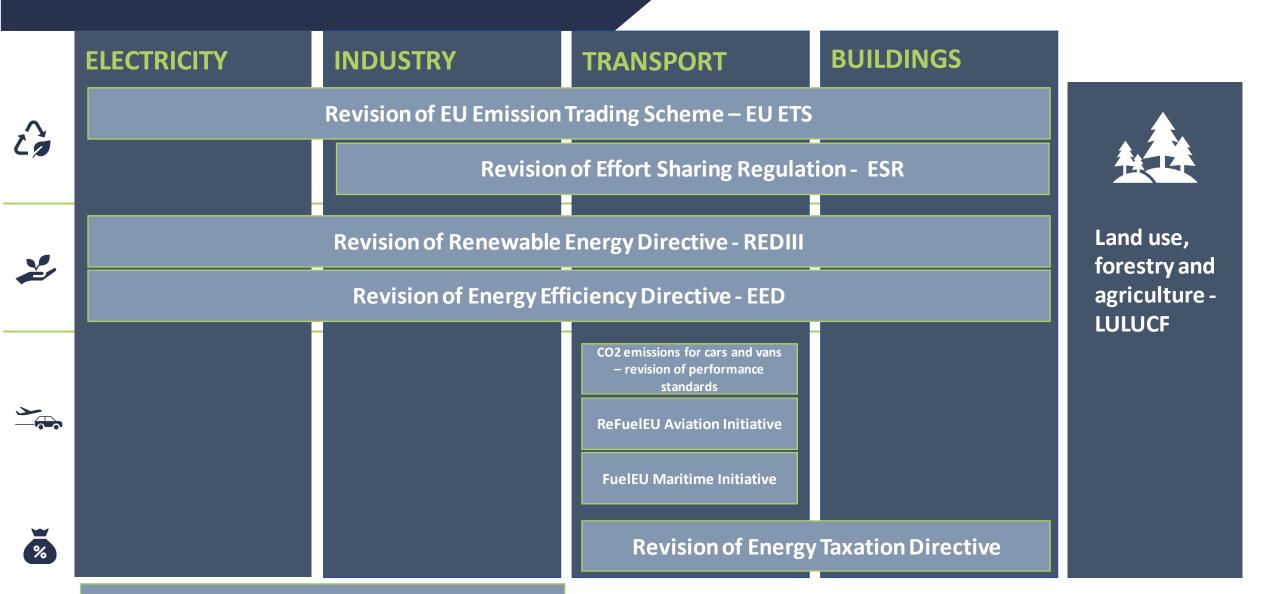
#### FIT FOR 55 PACKAGE

Adapt policies to reach -55% GHG by 2030 compared to 1990



# Fit for 55: a coherent strategy

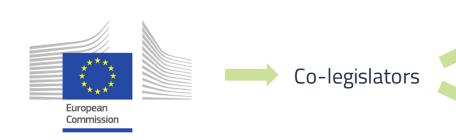




Creation of a carbon border adjustment mechanism (CBAM)

# ... through the EU decision-making process











16-17 May 14 July 2021: 22: vote EC proposal REDIII ENVI 13 July 22: vote REDIII ITRE **Council** - Internal prioritisation and first meetings of the ministers.

Council's WPs to meet every week.

**EP** - The files are shared among political groups and EP committees

**EP** - Political debate to appoint rapporteurs and shadows

Council vote (October 23)



18 May 22: REPower EU plan & RED IV

September 23: vote Parliament

Implementation after 2+ years

Slovenia S2 2021



France S1 2022



Czech Republic S2 2022



Sweden S1 2023



Spain S2 2023













# RED III starting point



#### No-Go areas:

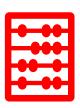
Carbon-rich and Highly biodiverse environments

BE Position: Should be aligned with risk-based approach



**Details on SFM** practices in the context of Risk Based Approach

BE Position: Should be left to Member States to decide



**Lower exemption** threshold (5MW)

BE Position: Could be lowered to 10MW with a phase-in period



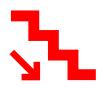
2027 end of subsidies for Power only installations (with exceptions)

BE Position: Should be allowed until 2030



Retroactive application of GHG emissions saving thresholds

BE Position: Should be no retroactive application



Regulation on Cascading use of biomass one year after entry into force

BE Position: No delegated act



**Ban on primary woody biomass** (EP \*NEW\*)



# RED III: Trilogue outcome



#### No-Go areas:

(Risk-based approach for A-level countries, strictly applied for B-level countries)



#### Ability to provide support

(End of subsidies for ind. roundwood and stumps and roots, restrictions on new power-only using forest-biomass)



#### **Details on SFM practices**

(stricter language, explicit references to clear cuts and deadwood extraction)



#### **GHG** emissions saving thresholds

(All installations will have to reach 80% with a grace-period for existing installations)



# Lower exemption threshold, covering smaller plants

(7.5 MW thermal capacity)



#### **Cascading use of biomass**

(Regulated in the text, allows for exceptions)



#### Ban on feedstocks

(No new definitions, such as primary woody biomass, and no bans)

# A tsunami of proposals



## **Finalised legistations**

- Renewable Energy Directive REDIII
- Energy Efficiency Directive EED
- EU Emission Trading Scheme EU ETS
- Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism CBAM
- Effort Sharing Regulation ESR
- Land Use, Land-Use Change & Forestry Regulation LULUCF
- EU Deforestation Regulation EUDR

# **Ongoing/Coming**

- Net-Zero Industrial Act NZIA
- Carbon Reduction Certification Framework -CRCF
- Energy Performance of Building EPBD
- Electricity Market Design EMD
- Nature Restauration
- Ecodesign
- Energy Labelling
- Industrial Emission Directive IED
- Medium Combustion Plant MCP
- Energy Taxation Directive ETD
- Bioeconomy Strategy

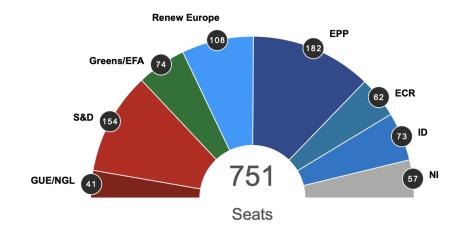




## **Parliament**

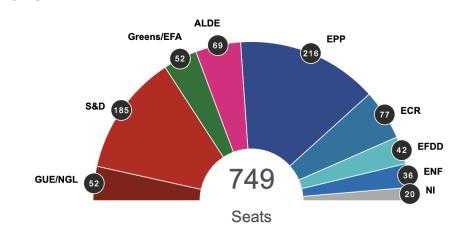
European Parliament: 2019-2024

Constitutive session



European Parliament: 2014-2019

**Outgoing Parliament** 



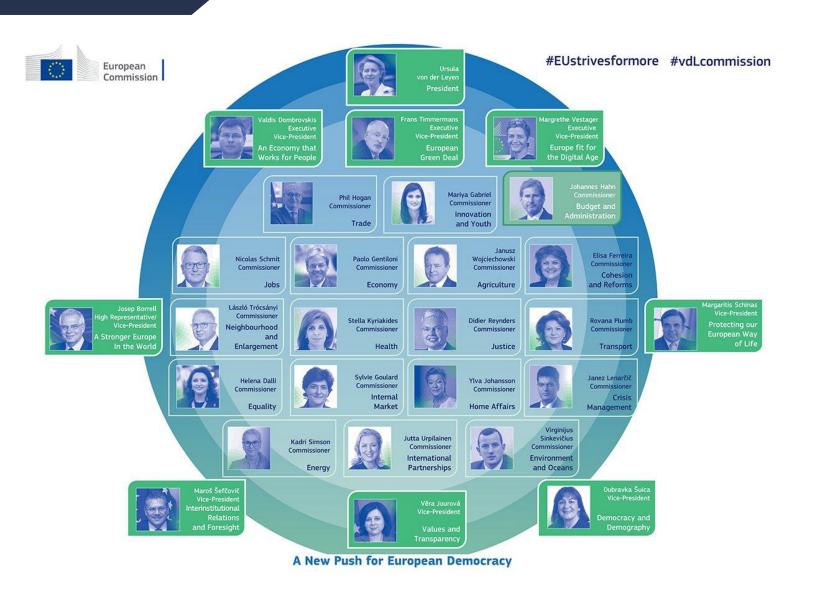
Prognoses are challenging, as typically 40 – 60% of the MEPs are replaced.

## EU election



### **Commission**

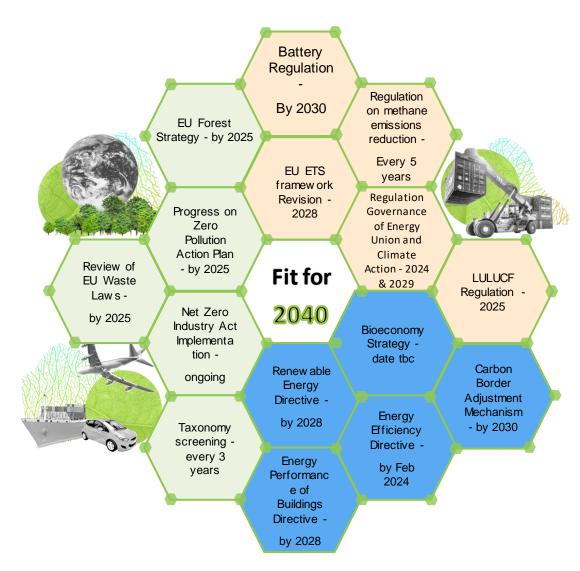
Which Commissioners for Green Deal, Energy, Climate, Environment?



## What next?



- Ambitious 2040 targets?
- Implementation of RED III
- Etc.



Source: LP Brussels

# **Our Policy Asks**



### **BIOENERGY EUROPE'S MANIFESTO**

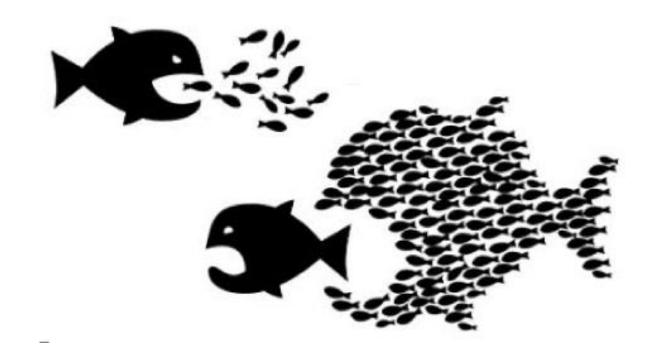
### FOR THE 2024 EUROPEAN ELECTIONS

Soon to be published

- A Clear Fossil Fuels Exit Strategy
- Utilise Sustainable Bioenergy to Enhance Energy Security
- Unlock the Potential of Bioenergy with Carbon Removals



# Don't panic, Organize!



# European Bioenergy Future

November 2023 at BluePoint Brussels 28-29: Main conference 30: Technical sessions

Info and Registration: www.bioenergyeurope.org/events/ebf2023









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