



# TOWARDS A CIRCULAR BIOECONOMY SCHEME: THE ROLE OF WOOD FROM AGRARIAN PRUNING AND PLANTATION REMOVAL AS BIOMASS

# POLICY GUIDELINES TO SUPPORT THE PRUNNING-TO-ENERGY INICIATIVES











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# uP\_running project

Take-off for Sustainable Supply of Woody Biomass from Agrarian Pruning and Plantation Removal



#### Horizon 2020

EU Research and Innovation Programme (2014-2020)

Societal challenges: "Secure, Clean and Efficient Energy"

**Call LCE "Competitive Low-Carbon Energy"** 

LCE 14-2015: "Market uptake of existing and emerging sustainable bioenergy"

**Action type:** Cooperation and Support Action

**Duration:** from April 2016 to June 2019







### the partners involved in uP\_running







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#### uP\_running objectives





- Performing actions to foster the development of the bioenergy sector
- Increasing the share of bioenergy in the final energy consumption
- Promoting the setting up and strengthening of local bioenergy supply chains
- Ensuring that the highest environmental criteria and quality standards are met
- Farmers should be encouraged to produce also non-food bioenergy carriers, alongside food, feed, and many other products





#### what we are talking about?





## **APPR = Agrarian Pruning and Plantation**

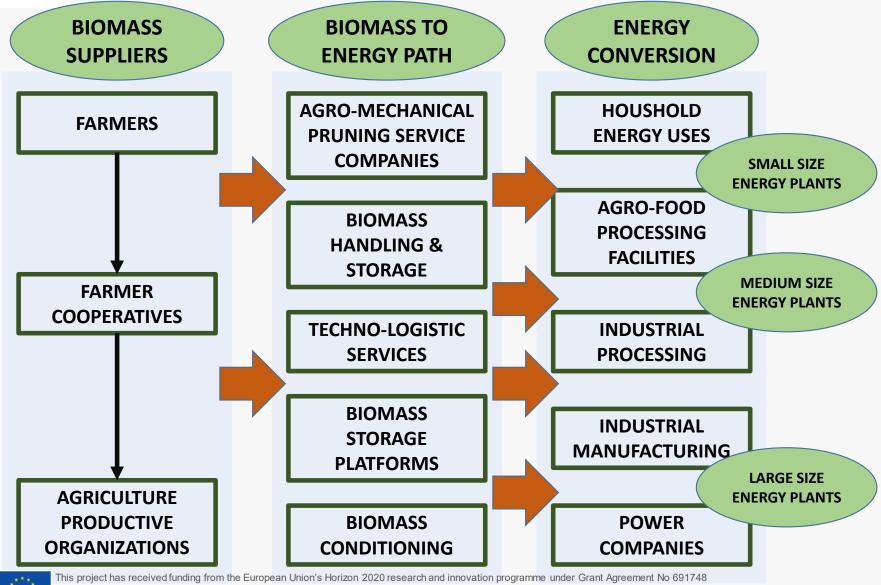


Pruning can be considered as a suitable feedstock for renewable energy production, both thermal and/or power, to be addressed to farm or agro-processing industry energy supply or to be sold to single or collective consumers

## The energy value chain based on pruning











# What else shall cause prompt changes towards extended use of APPR biomass?

#### **MARKET:**

- Petrol barrel Price
- Biomass Price and demand
- Public sector leading the change (e.g.biomass municipal heating)



#### **POLICY (AGRICULTURE)**

- Incentive /advantages for best practices in agroresidues management
- Obligation to withdraw APPR residues
- CAP greening (APPR for biomass as good practice)

#### **POLICY (ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT)**

- Support to renewable power or heat
- Public procurement (e.g.: renewable energies in public buildings)
- Support by recognizing the positive role of agro-residues (e.g. in Climate & Energy policies, or in LULUCF regulations)





## Opportunity... Agronomics with residues

- The use of APPR biomass can:
  - Drive a change towards more sustainable agricultural practices
  - Provide an <u>alternative to current APPR residues disposal / treatment</u>
  - Reduce farmers costs / concerns
  - Reduce the risks of pest and diseases propagation

## Opportunity... In line with Eu policies

As presented next in the final messages





#### **EUROPEAN POLICY ACTIONS**

#### **OBJECTIVES**

 To increase awareness of EU policy decision-makers by sharing the visions captured from agrarian, energy sector and rural communities on the current status, needs and opportunities to take advantage of in relation to agro-residues for energy in Europe







#### **EU POLICY PROMOTION - MEETINGS**

- July 2017 Conference: Building Competitive Bio-based Industries in the Context of Agricultural, Agro-food and Forestry Sector Development
- August 2017 Meeting with MEP Marijana Petir (CIRCE, DARE, UFG, HPK)
- August 2017 Meeting with Copa-Cogeca (CIRCE AND HPK)
- November 2017 CDG Olive CIRCE and HPK
- April 2018 CDG Wine UFG and HPK
- April 2018 Meeting with Copa-Cogeca Director for Rural Development
- April 2018 Meeting with MEP office + ENRD
- 5 extra meetings with MEP office and Copa-Cogeca









### POLICY WORKSHOP in Brussels

European Parliament, 17th May 2018







#### VIROEXPO - MID CONFERENCE 23/2/2018











## "Small and Medium Enterprises in Bioenergy: Boosting Rural Employment and Sustainable Biomass Mobilisation"

 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018, the Secure Chain project organized in Brussels its Final Conference



#### 26th European Biomass Conference & Exhibition - Copengahen









# **Bioeconomy workshop in DG Agriculture** and Rural Development

European Commission, 20th & 21st September 2018 Commission









# Policy workshop: Energy from prunnings – chance for development of rural areas

Zagreb, 29th of March 2018







# **Building Competitive Bio-based Industries** in the Context of Agricultural

July 2017 - Conference:, Agro-food and Forestry Sector Development







## Policy workshop – Croatia 21/3/2019 CROATIAN PARLIAMENT













#### 2019 CIRCULAR ECONOMY STAKEHOLDER CONFERENCE: SUCCESS STORIES AND NEW CHALLENGES

WORKSHOP - Bio-circular villages: a recipe for rural prosperity

7 March 2019







Tajana Radić from @HPK\_CCA presents both challenges afaces in its farming but also many opportunities #bioeconomy #digitalisation can bring to the sector - especially in attracting #young people to villages. #CEstakeholderEU









#### Final national conference 29/3/2019.

Trade fair Gudovac

- Biggest agricultural trade fair in Croatia
- Well attended conference
- A roundtable discussion on the sustainability of biomass
  with honoured guests from Croatian Parliament, Ministry of Agriculture, University of
  Agriculture, biomass producer and supplier.
- Main conclusions: High opportunity in Croatia, joint cooperation of all institutions...









#### **POLICY ACTIVITIES**

#### **Croatian Chamber of Agriculture held meetings with:**

- Ministry of Agriculture
- Ministry of Environment and Energy
- Ministry of Construction at Unit for Sustainable Construction
- Representatives from Brod-posavina county
- Representative from European Parliament
- Hrvatska elektroprivreda (HEP Group)
- HEP ESCO d.o.o.
- INA, d.d. (a medium-sized European oil company with a leading role in Croatian oil business and a strong position in the region)
- Representatives from energy sector (Energy institute Hrvoje Požar (members of AEBIOM and IEA))
- Main representatives from farm association
- Chamber of Commerce
- Chamber of Craft
- Faculty of Agriculture
- Agriculture stakeholder and entrepreneurs





### **Policy Recommendations**



- Setting ambitious bioenergy targets
- Fostering biomass mobilization and securing its supply
- Favoring profitable and stable investments in the bioenergy sector
- Simplifying and harmonizing administrative procedures
- Promoting an intelligent and flexible financial support
- Supporting industrial leadership and technological development
- Phasing out from fossil subsidies through Carbon pricing
- Targeting effective technologies, value chains and business models
- Solid fuel quality standards, fuel flexibility, eco-design and retrofitting technologies





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### Thank you very much for your attention!



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