

INVITATION

"The Potential for Sustainable Biomass in the Romanian Energy Sector"

Final Project Workshop

13 September 2023, 14:00 - 18:00
ASE, Piata Romana 6, Room Virgil Madgearu

Bucharest University of Economic Studies (ASE), Faculty of Business Administration in Foreign Languages (FABIZ)

Dear Sir/ Madam,

On 13 September 2023, 14:00 - 18:00, we invite you to take part in the final workshop of the applied research project "**The Potential for Sustainable Biomass in the Romanian Energy Sector**". The workshop will take place at ASE, Piata Romana 6, Room Virgil Madgearu.

Between January - August 2023, ASE FABIZ undertook, in partnership with SINTEF, an applied research project on the sustainable use of biomass in the energy sector, financed through the Fund for Bilateral Relations in the EEA/ Norway Financial Mechanism 2014 - 2021. The project sought to assess the **potential for sustainable biomass usage in the Romanian energy sector** and the **enablers**, respectively **disablers** of this primary energy source in achieving the sector's decarbonization and competitiveness goals.

The final workshop of the project will present the main findings and collect further feedback and insights from key stakeholders, including academics, researchers, decision-makers, and interested business representatives. Below you may find a preliminary agenda.

To register for the event, please fill in this Registration Form by 7 September 2023. <https://forms.gle/tTFUR7ZgKk3q4ygv5>

The workshop will take place in Romanian and English.

Kind regards,

Cătălina Nedelcu, Lecturer, PhD.

Project Director



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

14:00 - 14:30 Registration and Welcome Coffee

14:30 - 15:00 Key-note Remarks

- Tănase Stamule, PhD., Dean Faculty of Business Administration in Foreign Languages
- H.E. Mrs. Siri Barry, Ambassador of Norway in Romania
- Dan Drăgan, State Secretary Ministry of Energy (TBC)
- Ionuț Sorin Banciu, State Secretary Ministry of Environment (TBC)

15:00 - 15:10 Pathways for Energy Market Decarbonization

- Cătălina Nedelcu, Lecturer, PhD., ASE FABIZ

15:10 - 15:30 Insights and market intelligence on the national wood market

- Sorin Anagnoste, Associate Professor, PhD., ASE FABIZ
- Cătălina Chinie, Lecturer, PhD., ASE FABIZ
- Florin Stoican, Forestry Expert

15:30 - 16:00 The energy context in Romania and insights into the potential of biomass
Diagnostics - analysis of coal-fired power plants in Romania

- Mihaela - Cornelia Dan, Professor, PhD., ASE FABIZ

Assessment of potential biomass switch at municipal level

- Cătălina Chinie, Lecturer, PhD., ASE FABIZ
- Corina Murafa, PhD., Energy Policy Expert

Assessment of investment patterns and instrument in the energy sector

- Mihai Bușu, Associate Professor, PhD., ASE FABIZ

16:00 - 16:20 International best practice models on using biomass in the energy field

- Lasse Bentzen, Associate Professor, PhD., University of South-Eastern Norway

16:20 - 16:40 Coffee break

16:40 - 17:20 Using sustainable biomass in the energy sector in Romania: opportunities and constraints

Mapping of new technologies for sustainable biomass in the energy sector

- Cansu Birgen, PhD., Research Scientist SINTEF

Value chain analysis for potential black pellets investments

- Marius Matei, Associate Professor, PhD., ASE FABIZ

- Cansu Birgen, PhD., Research Scientist SINTEF

Case Study Paroşeni: from coal to black pellets

- Cristian Buşu, Professor, PhD., ASE, Management Faculty

17:20 - 17:50 Stakeholder engagement on biomass in the energy sector in light of latest European policy developments

- Simona Goia, Associate Professor, PhD., ASE FABIZ
- Corina Murafa, PhD., Energy policy expert

17:50 - 18:00 Final remarks

- Cătălina Nedelcu, PhD., Lecturer ASE Fabiz, Project Director

18:00 - 19:00 Networking dinner