

4 biomass

FOSTERING THE SUSTAINABLE USAGE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE – PUTTING BIOMASS INTO ACTION!

The Project 4Biomass fosters usage of bioenergy throughout Central Europe (CE) via turning know-how to show-how.

The project contributes to **sustainable exploitation of biomass** in two ways:

- 1) The **exchange of best practice** concerning technology, demonstration projects and management approaches throughout CE will contribute to territorial cooperation between the participating countries. It will improve the level of knowledge regarding available technologies, investment possibilities and operation of bioenergy systems.
- 2) Direct support to regional stakeholders by turning know-how to show-how (workshops, project development, field trips). A **Joint Management Tool** consisting of a databank will pool information on CE demonstration projects. It will help stakeholders to find tailor-made solutions for investments in bioenergy plants, and for their operation.

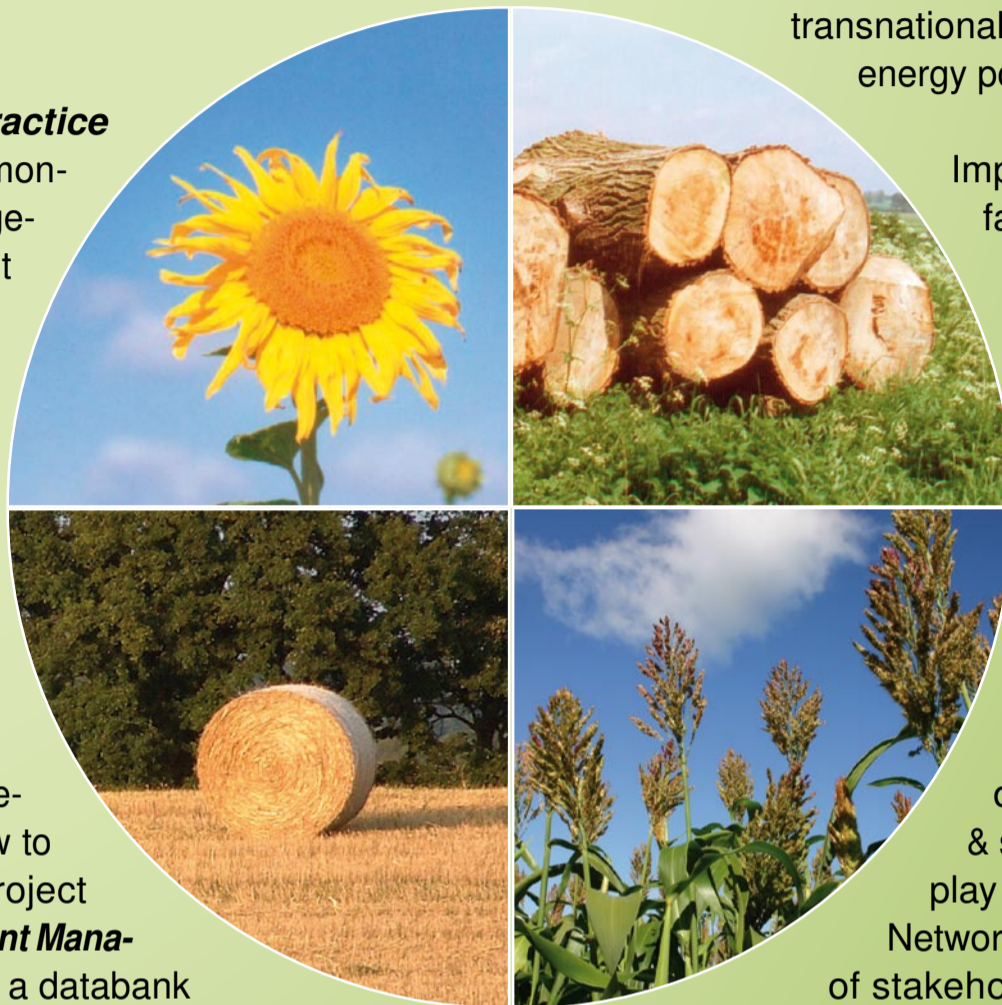
For biomass as a limited resource, a political framework is needed to regulate its usage. In this context the project 4Biomass analyses the exploitable biomass potential in CE and its respective trade. A core activity is an internationally aligned **stakeholder dialogue**. (“What do you expect from your national Biomass Action Plan/Renewable Energy Action Plan (nBAP/REAP)?”).

Furthermore, recommendations for a joint and consistent policy approach in the region – a **Transnational Action Plan** directed at policy makers and implementing authorities – will be formulated giving advice on how an integrated and transnationally coordinated sustainable bio-energy policy can be designed.

Implementation of policies will be facilitated by the preparation of a **Transnational Forum** for stakeholders where they discuss practical implications and exchange experiences, and thus contribute to coherent implementation of national policy.

Moreover, criteria for giving a mandate to “**Central European Biomass Centres**” will be elaborated. They will address transnational biomass & sustainability issues and in addition play vital roles in the Transnational Network 4Biomass. National networks of stakeholders will be optimised and enlarged in order to operate as part of this network.

The **Transnational Network 4Biomass** will support international cooperation, exchange of information about best practices, new technologies and other ways of biomass utilisation. This supports efficient transnational management of biomass.



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