

Workshop on the global trade flows of bio-based value chains and the role of certification in this context

Date: 13 June, Day 3 Renewable Materials Conference, Workshop Room 1

Duration of webinar: 11h, 1,5 hours

Background:

During the last decade the EU invested heavily in a transition from a linear fossil-based economy towards a circular biobased economy. This ambition accelerated the development of new biobased products and the creation of numerous biobased value chains. In order to ensure and support this moment from fossil to renewable biological resources it is critical to secure the environmental, social and economic sustainability. To this end, a plethora of certification schemes and labels (CLS) have been developed to allow traceability and transparency of sustainability impacts along the value chains.

An interesting question is whether the increased number of CLS has influenced trade patterns of biological feedstock and materials between two regions. To get a better understanding on this relation, the Horizon projects SUSTCERT4BIOBASED, HARMONITOR and STAR4BBS have quantified trade flows between the EU and other regions for different biological resources and different biobased materials and products. In addition, it has been investigated to which extent trade flows of these products occurred under specific CLS.

Objectives of webinar:

- To disseminate project results to stakeholders
- To test findings with stakeholders
- To test recommendations with stakeholders
- To obtain suggestions on better data from stakeholders

Who should participate:

- Industry: textile, plastics, chemical and construction;
- Certification scheme holders: ISCC, Better Biomass, RTB, Bonsucro, FSC...
- Traders, custom units
- Policy makers: EU, national governments

Program

11:00 -11:05	Introduction and objectives of webinar
11:05-11:45	Presentations on the size of trade flows of biological feedstocks and biobased materials in global regions, and the role of CLS. SUSTCERT4BIOBASED: Myrna van Leeuwen (WECR) HARMONITOR: Martijn Vis (BTG) STAR4BBS: Olaf Porc (nova Institute)
11.45-11.50	Coffee break
9.50-10.25	Discussion with stakeholders on findings and recommendations. Exploring options to get better data from stakeholders that will improve project findings and recommendations.
10.25-10.30	Closure