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improvement fermentation processes in obtaining bioplastics

"Biomass beyond Bioenergy: The European research program PROMOFER for the production of bioplastics"

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HellaBiom - Profile



The Hellenic Biomass Association (ΕΛΕΑΒΙΟΜ | HellaBiom) is a non-profit organization and one of the prime renewable energy associations in Greece, with activities dating back in the 1990s.

Sectors of Interest:

- ✓ Biomass power generation
- Combined heat and power (CHP) with biomass
- ✓ District heating
- Standardized solid biofuels (pellets briquettes),
- ✓ Biomass valorization technologies (combustion, gasification, pyrolysis)
- ✓ Carbon sequestration and carbon removal technologies (Bioenergy Carbon Capture & Storage BECCS, Biochar Carbon Removal BCR)
- Circular bioeconomy and Biobased products
- ✓ Biomass value chains' optimization (agricultural, forest, agro-industrial).

International Collaborations:

Full Member:

















Reciprocate Member:



HellaBiom - Members



Members: nationwide network of 100+ members, consisting of legal entities (corporations, academic and scientific institutions, clusters, co-operatives) & individuals (scientists, engineers, researchers) sharing common interests in sustainable biomass valorization through bioenergy and biobased products.























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HellaBiom - Objectives & Activities

HellaBiom Hellenic Biomass Association Eλληνική Ετσιρεία Ανάπτυξης Βισμάζας

Objectives:

- The **documentation and promotion of scientific research** related to the production, trade, energy use (and all types of industrial exploitation), as well as the agricultural applications of biomass.
- The dissemination and support of biomass uses at both national and regional levels.
- The well-intentioned representation of the interests of the Greek solid biomass/bioenergy sector, both in Greece, within the European Union, and internationally.

Activities:

- Participation in working groups and consultations within the framework of bioenergy policy development.
- Promotion of best practices for the rational use of biomass, based on European and international experience.
- The conduct of market research and contribution to the preparation of statistical reports.
- Communication activities: conferences, workshops, webinars, articles, interviews, study visits, etc.



HellaBiom - Events & Webinars

BIOMASS DAY 2020

Bioeconomy & Bioenergy Forum 2020





BIMASS REGIONAL **FORUM 2024**

ΒΙΟΕΝΕΡΓΕΙΑ & ΒΙΩΣΙΜΗ ΔΑΣΙΚΗ ΔΙΑΧΕΙΡΙΣΗ **BIOENERGY & SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT**

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«Βιοθερμότητα στην Ελλάδα, τρέχουσα κατάσταση, καλά παραδείγματα και εφαρμογές»

HellaBiom - Communication Campaigns







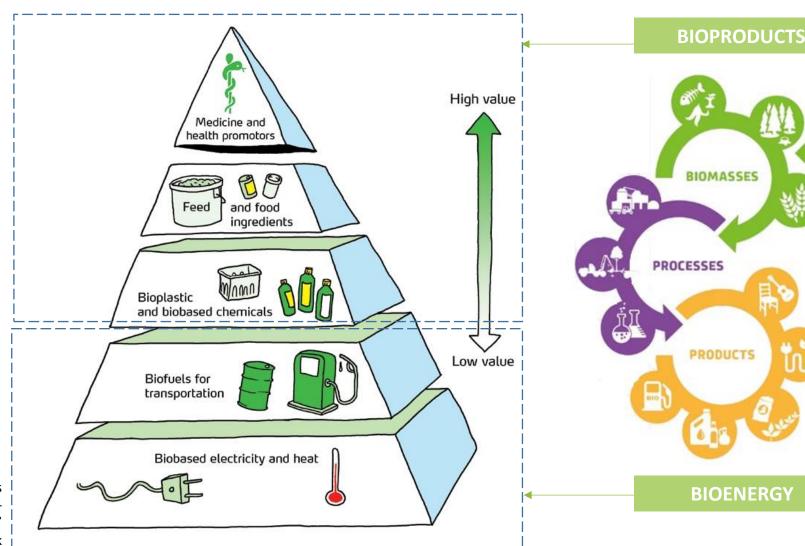




The value pyramid of Biomass



Placing Biomass within the ecosystem of modern Bioeconomy



Πηγή: United Federation of Danish Workers Έκδοση: "The Fundamentals of Bioeconomy -The Biobased Society" Γράφημα: Opticcircus.dk

The 3 PILLARS of Sustainable Biomass Valorization

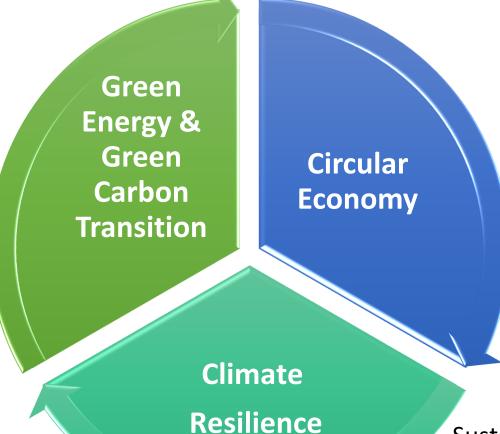






Bioenergy is a renewable and uninterrupted energy that replaces conventional fossil fuels in all energy sectors (electricity, heating, transport). Similarly, bio-based products use renewable carbon to replace fossil carbon in a number of industries (chemicals, pharmaceutical, packaging, plastics, etc.)









Recycling organic resources from agriculture, livestock farming, forestry, food processing, wood processing protects natural resources and human life and property from wildfires and reduces environmental impacts.



Sustainable biomass products
permanently sequester CO2
and mitigate the impacts of
climate change, contributing
to more resilient soils,
ecosystems and biodiversity.

CBE: key element for low carbon economy

Circular bioeconomy contributes to:

- ✓ GHG reduction
- ✓ Reduction of reliance on fossil fuels
- √ Support of European Green Deal

In alignment with:

- Action Plan for Circular Economy
- Strategy for Biodiversity
- Action Plan for Zero Pollution
- Farm to Fork Strategy











Challenges of Bioplastics (PHA & PHBV)

PHAs produced through microbial fermentation are biodegradable, biocompatible, renewable & environmentally friendly, with physical properties similar to conventional polymers like polypropylene (PP) but have limited commercial success...

PHB is fragile & rigid → Not suitable for flexible applications

PHBV copolymer is more durable & elastic — But has high production

costs PROMOFER Targets

- ✓ Improvement of PHBV production through the use of more economical feedstocks (organic waste and lignocellulosic materials)
- Optimization of fermentation processes for cost reduction



Challenges in the Production of 2,3-Butanediol (2,3-BDO)

It is used in the production of biopolyurethane (PU)

- X Fermentation challenges
- X Low production yield
- X High separation costs

PROMOFER Targets

- √ Improves fermentation processes
- ✓ Reduces purification & production costs







Project Scope

PROMOFER seeks to **improve fermentation processes** and subsequent **product refinement**, i.e. the weak points of the bioplastics production process, such as **PHB(V)** and **bio-polyurethane**, utilizing two types of raw materials (lignocellulosic biomass and food industry waste).

Improving the efficiency of such processes is necessary for the establishment of these bioproducts in the market.



Project Consortium

The consortium consists of 12 partners - 7 countries.

PROMOFER is a collaborative initiative organized in 7 strategic categories

- 1. Feedstock and process providers: **HELLABIOM**, **CELIGNIS**
- 2. Production and modification of strains: UCD
- 3. Fermentation and processes: PAQUES, IRIAF/GEACAM, BBEPP, AIMPLAS
- 4. Biologic products: **NOVAMONT, VEGEA**
- 5. Economic and environmental assessment: PDC
- 6. Dissemination, communication and exploitation: **ETAM AE**
- 7. Social acceptance analysis: RIGHT-CLICK

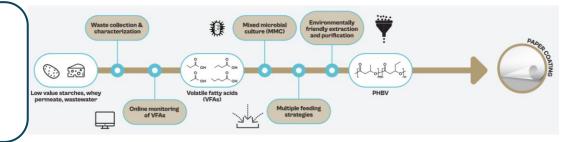




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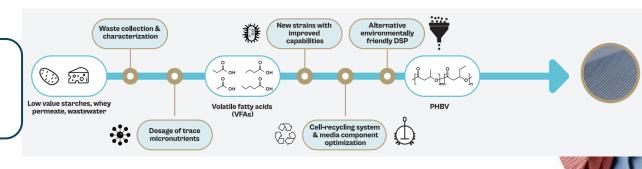
Three Bio-based Products "Safe & Sustainable by Design" (SSbD)

PHAs for paper coatings in packaging (food packaging)



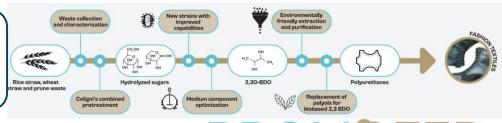
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PHAs for geo-textiles (agricultural sector)



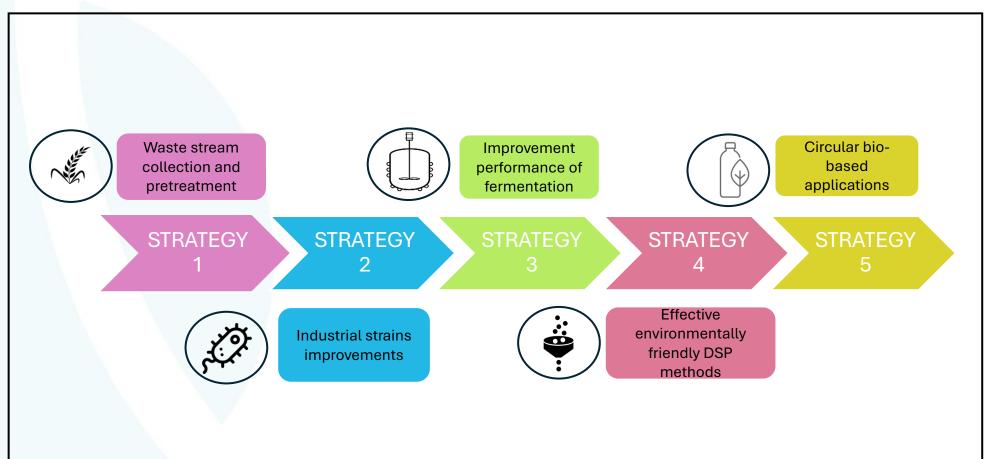
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2,3-BDO for bio polyurethane (fashion and textiles)



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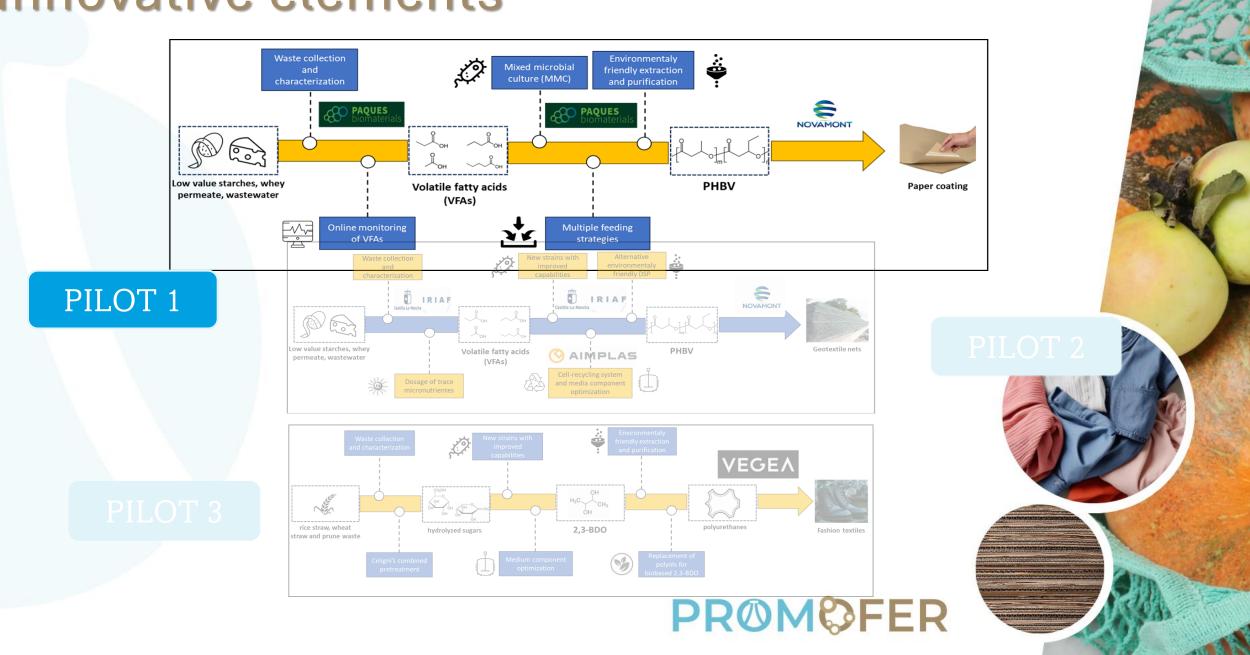
Innovative elements







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First Pilot

PHBV Production for Paper Coating (Flexible Packaging)

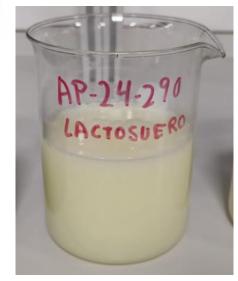
Partner: PAQUES

Target: Production of PHBV for flexible packaging applications (papercoated flexible packaging)

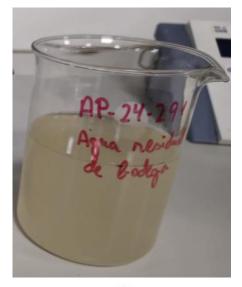
Feedstocks: Industrial waste (wastewater, low-value starches, cheese

whey)





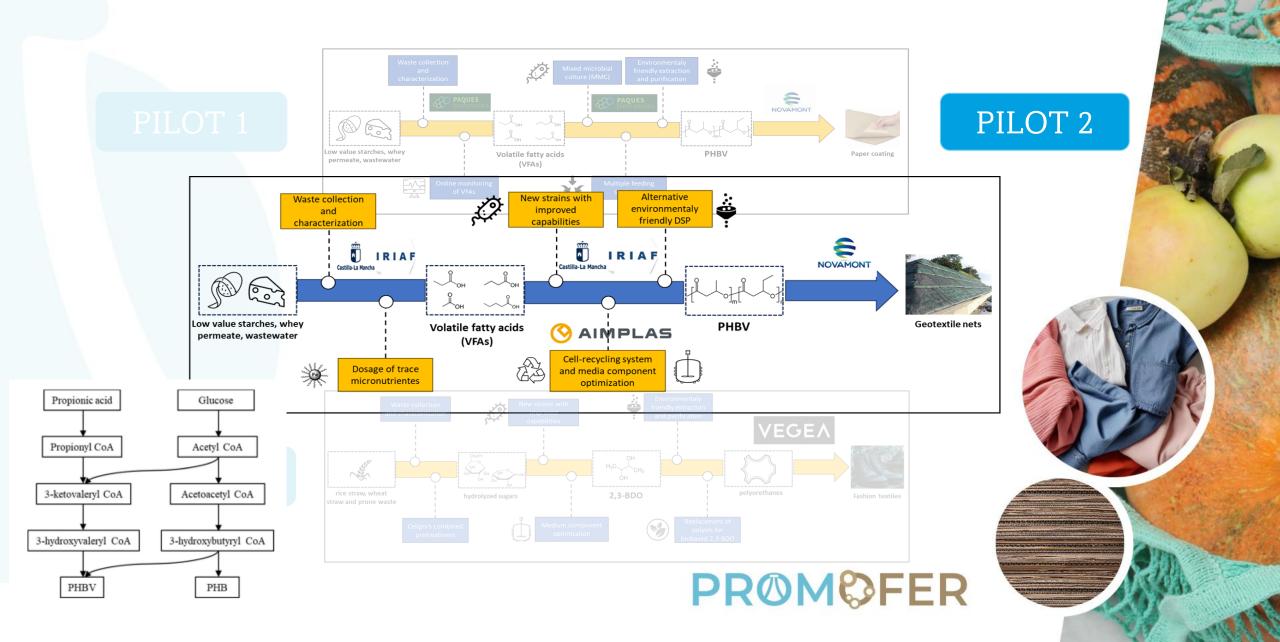








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Second Pilot

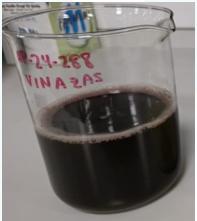
PHBV Production for Agricultural Applications

♦ Partners: AIMPLAS & IRIAF/GEACAM

◆ Target: PHBV production for biodegradable agricultural products

♦ Feedstocks: Industrial waste (wastewater, low-value starches, cheese

whey)

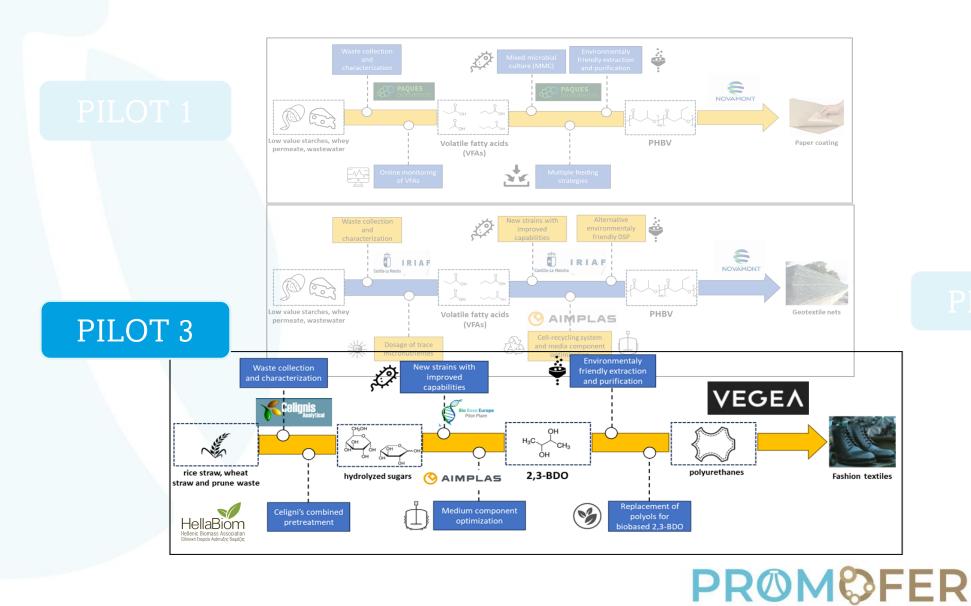








Innovative elements





Third Pilot

Production of 2,3-Butanediol (2,3-BDO) for Biopolyurethanes (PU)

♦ Partners: AIMPLAS & BBEPP

Target: 2,3-BDO production as ingredient for biopolyurethanes (PU) for synthetic bio-textiles (synthetic leather)

Feedstocks: Lignocellulosic biomass (rice straw, wheat straw, olive

pruning)





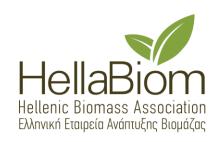




- Reduction of landfill waste
- Improvement of bioplastics' competitiveness
- Savings of natural resources
- ✓ Contribution to "Zero Waste" & "Zero Pollution" strategies





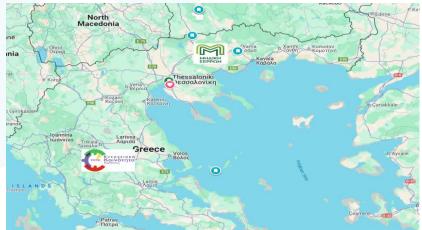


HellaBiom Role: Collection and characterization of residues

Hellabiom's Role in WP2 **Task Lead Partner** (Task 2.1).

Oversaw collection, pretreatment, and preliminary processing of:

- Lignocellulosic agricultural residues: wheat straw, rice straw, olive tree pruning
- Coordinated field selection, logistics, and pre-treatment protocols.











HellaBiom Role: Collection and characterization of residues

Agricultural Waste Collection Activities



Key activities:

GPS-based field mapping

Biomass harvesting, baling,

shredding

Milling to 0.5–1.5 mm particle size

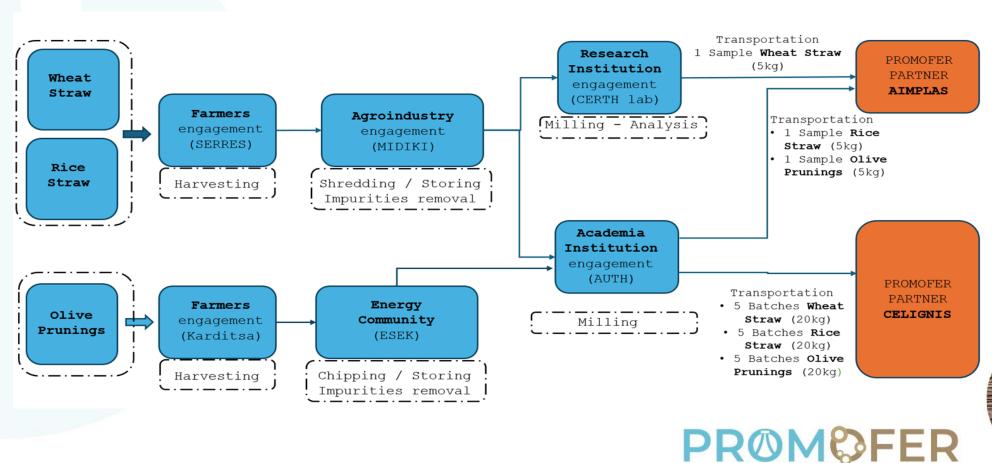
Storage and coded labeling for traceability





Role of HellaBiom

Methodology – protocol 1ST CYCLE

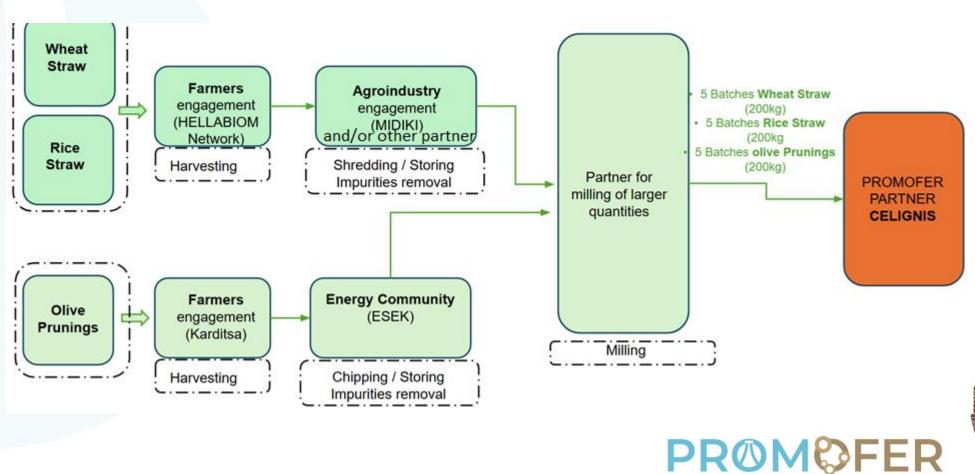






Role of HellaBiom

Methodology – protocol 2^{nt} CYCLE







HellaBiom Role: Logistics and mechanical pre-treatment of lignocellulosic biomass

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Green Biomass Points/Bio-Hubs



Private Sector:

- Wood processing industries
- CHP plants
- District heating
- Bioheat consumers
- Bio-based product manufacturers (incl. **Biochar**)

Forest Cooperatives Partnership Schemes

Πρώτες γ_{λες}

Δασικοί Συνεταιρισμοί Συνεργατικά Σχήματα

... L. 5106/2024: Reform for the protection of forest ecosystems ...

Βιομηχανίες επεξεργασίας ξύλου

- Βιομηχανίες πέλλετ

- Μονάδες παραγωγής πλεκτρικής & θερμικής ενέργειας από βιομάζα
 - Τηλεθερμάνσεις με βιομάζα
 - Χρήστες βιοθερμότητας
 - Παραγωγή προϊόντων βιοοικονομίας

Σύμπραξη

Κοινωνία των Πολιτών

Civil Society

Integrated Management Model through "Green **Biomass Points**"

Πράσινα Σημεία Βιομάζας

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(Χωροθετημένες Θέσεις Συλλογής ή/και Επεξεργασίας)

... Fire Protection Regulation for Properties in or near Forest Areas ...

Prefectures Municipalities

... Obligation to divert from landfills ...

Περιφέρειες και Δήμοι

Αγρότες -Αγροτικοί Συνεταιρισμοί

Κλαδέματα κήπων

και αστικού πρασίνου

Farmers Agricultural Cooperatives

... CAP requirements for crop residues, ecological schemes and carbon farming ...

> Γράφημα: **BIOENERGY**NEWS

Conclusions

√ 3 pilot projects for sustainable production of biomaterials

✓ Improvement of fermentation efficiency & reduction of production cost

✓ Biomass residues and biowaste for bio-economic applications

√ Competitive bioplastics & biopolymers in the market

✓ Contribution to the reduction of the environmental footprint

PROMOFER – A step towards Europe's green transition!





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