



## IEA Bioenergie Task 37

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#### **EC adopts biomass sustainability report**

The report on sustainability criteria of solid and gaseous biomass as requested by the Directive for the promotion of energy from renewable sources [RES Directive] has been published mid of February. The EC decided not to come up with binding sustainability criteria but recommends the member states to follow the sustainability criteria as indicated in the RES directive for biofuels and bioliquids and exclude the plants smaller than 1MW. It is also recommended not to apply sustainability criteria to wastes.

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**[http://ec.europa.eu/energy/renewables/transparency\\_platform/transparency\\_platform\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/energy/renewables/transparency_platform/transparency_platform_en.htm)**

#### **Handbook on energy crops for heat and power**

Within the ENCROP project (Promoting the production and utilisation of energy crops) funded by Intelligent Energy for Europe programme, the project partners have recently published a handbook on energy crops for heat and power production. The book covers the reed canary grass, willow, hemp and poplar as well as the a chapter on biogas production from energy crops.

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**<http://www.encrop.net/GetItem.asp?item=digistorefile:138610;730&params=open;gallery>**

#### **Barometer on the state of renewable energies in Europe**

The State of Renewable Energies in Europe' is a synthesis of the technology Barometers published during 2009. The publication gives detailed capacity and renewable energy performance data for all 27 Member States of the European Union including the data on biogas, biofuels, municipal solid waste and solid biomass (pages 52-80). The publication concludes with seven country case studies, where specific regions are particularly strong in renewable energy industry in the following countries: Italy, Luxembourg, Denmark, the United Kingdom, Finland, Sweden and Slovakia (pages 136-163).

**Download Barometer: <http://www.eurobserv-er.org/pdf/barobilan9.pdf>**

Task 37 „Energy from Biogas and Landfill Gas“ of the IEA Bioenergy Agreement is promoting all forms of biogas production, upgrading and utilisation as well as recycling of the digestate as a fertilizer. 13 countries are participating in the Task.

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