



## Wednesday 27 April - Conference Day 1

- 09:30 Registration opens**
- 10:00 Chairperson's opening remarks**  
Freddie Staermose, *Vice-President - Generation Fuels & Dry Bulks*, **Argus**
- 10:10 Opening keynote address**  
Bjorn Knappskog, *CEO*, **Arbaflame**
- 10:30 Flourish or stabilise: Is the global biomass industry at a crossroads?**
- The key drivers affecting biomass demand
  - The global supply landscape, future investments and shifting trade routes
  - New sources of supply and the growing importance of Russia
- Erisa Senerdem, *Editor, Biomass*, **Argus**
- 11:00 Utilities' perspectives: How can biomass secure its position as a key component of the energy mix in Europe?**
- What are the main challenges facing utilities and how are they working towards meeting renewable energy targets?
  - Reflecting on the recent energy crisis in Europe and the spike in prices – how can biomass support more robust energy supply in the future?
  - How are sourcing strategies evolving as Europe competes for volumes?
  - Exploring biomass' place in the future energy mix alongside other renewables
- Speakers:**  
Søren Alsing, *Head of Fuel, Bioenergy & Thermal Power*, **Ørsted**  
Michael Schytz, *Head of Fuel & Logistics*, **HOFOR**  
Fabian Mehu, *Head of Biomass*, **Engie**  
Alfons von Weereld, *Head of Biomass Sourcing & Trading*, **Uniper**  
Rick Taylor, *Head of Fuels*, **Drax**
- Moderator:**  
Freddie Staermose, *Vice-President - Generation Fuels & Dry Bulks*, **Argus**

## 11:50 Morning break and ice breaker speed networking

- 12:30 How is the biomass trading environment changing? Demand dynamics, sourcing strategies and new markets**
- How are traders adapting their sourcing strategies and where do they see new trading routes emerging?
  - How will demand for biomass be affected by shifts in the broader European energy systems?
  - How are rising freight rates and logistical costs affecting trade?
  - What needs to be done to mitigate trading risk, improve efficiencies and develop liquidity in the market?
  - Addressing the sustainability question: Can certification schemes maintain a harmonised system to facilitate efficient trade?

### Speakers include:

Christian Joore, *Head of Biomass & Freight*, **Vattenfall Energy Trading**  
Tiago Andrade, *Director*, **Wood Pellet Services**  
Johan Mertens, *Biomass Trader*, **Engie**  
Jan Groeneveld, *Biomass Sourcing Manager*, **Uniper**  
Martin de Wolff, *Head of Biofuel Trading*, **RWE Supply and Trading**

### Moderator:

Brodie Govan, *Biomass Broker*, **Voyage Power**

## 13:20 Lunch break

## 13:40 Exhibition opening ceremony

### 14:00 Innovation & Technology platform

Taking place on the stage in the exhibition hall. Be inspired by innovative companies sharing their latest technologies and solutions.

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## 14:30 Round table discussions (exhibition hall)

1. Baltics biomass supply developments and future growth potential  
Ilgors Krasavcevs, *Head of Forestry Services, Latvian Wood*

2. Exploring the potential for woodchip market growth in Europe  
Juan Prados Edwards, *Managing Director, Generandi*

3. Is there a “silver bullet” behind the Swedish success story?  
Bengt-Erik Löfgren, *CEO, ÅFAB*

4. What are the commercial prospects for advanced, thermally treated pellets?  
Will they have a place in the biomass ecosystem?

Michael Wild, *President, International Biomass Torrefaction Council (IBTC)*  
Mark Lyra, *Senior Director of Energy Innovation, Sumitomo Corporation*  
Steve Potter, *Director Metalicos, Vale*

5. Accessing flexible and cost-effective turnkey pelletizing solutions  
Speaker to be announced

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## 15:30 FOCUS GROUPS OR FREE NETWORKING TIME

15:30-16:30 Wood Chip

16:30-17:30 Premium Pellets

Refreshments and seating available throughout the exhibition hall.

Attendees are welcome to move freely between the focus groups.

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## 15:30 WOOD CHIP, WASTE WOOD AND ALTERNATIVE FUEL FOCUS GROUP

Exploring the key drivers and factors affecting wood chip and waste wood consumption.

- Current market size, evolving demand and potential future growth
- Sourcing strategies and logistical costs
- Regulatory considerations
- Woodchip and waste wood as part of the fuel mix for district heating

Led by:

Andy Hill, *Deputy Chair, Wood Recyclers Association*

Speakers include:

Lauma Kazuša, *Head of Market Analysis, SUEZ Trading Europe*

Carlos Retortillo, *Operations Director, ENCE Energía y Celulosa*

Markus Süßmann, *Head of Special Projects, Danpower*

Kristaps Knesis, *Biomass Portfolio Manager, Gren*

Jaime Reis, *Director, BSL Comercio*

## 16:30

## PREMIUM PELLET FOCUS GROUP

Snapshots of demand for premium pellets for the residential heating markets across Europe and the opportunity to discuss and collaborate with peers. Introduced and moderated by Gilles Gauthier, *Director Business Development & Membership, Bioenergy Europe*.

Country profiles include:

France- Hugues de Cherisey, *General Secretary, SNCB*

Austria and Germany - Christian Rakos, *President, World Bioenergy Association*

Italy – Matteo Favero, *Wood Biofuels & Certification Schemes Manager, AIEL*

## 17:30

## Happy hour welcome drinks (exhibition hall)





## Thursday 28 April - Conference Day 2

**09:00** Registration opens

**09:20** Chairperson's opening remarks

Freddie Staermose, *Vice-President - Generation Fuels & Dry Bulks*, **Argus**

**09:30** **Keynote address – BECCS: Assessing the opportunities and challenges on the road to negative emissions**

- The role of biomass and carbon capture in meeting carbon emission reduction targets
- Assessing the technical process of capturing and storing carbon from biomass
- What are the long-term prospects for BECCs and can it be commercially viable on a wider scale?

Will Gardiner, *CEO*, **Drax**

**10:00** **The role of biomass in Europe's energy transition – Exploring the economic and policy drivers**

- Will rising carbon pricing drive biomass demand and improve its long-term prospects – even in the absence of subsidies?
- Exploring biomass as a low-carbon solution alongside wind and solar renewable energy
- The essential role of certification for biomass a viable part of the energy transition

**Speakers:**

Yves Ryckmans, *Chief Technology Officer, Biomass*, **ENGIE Lab Laborelec**

Henrik Brodin, *Head of Energy*, **Södra**

**Moderator:**

Freddie Staermose, *Vice-President - Generation Fuels & Dry Bulks*, **Argus**

**10:45** Morning break

**11:30** **Global pellet producer perspectives on capacity expansions and demand expectations from Europe and Asia**

- Update on capacity expansions and growth plans for the next 12 months
- To what extent will demand from Asia shift the global market dynamics?
- Market consolidation and vertical integration — what does this mean for the biomass ecosystem?
- Perspectives on European developments and assessing what growth markets will emerge

**Speakers include:**

Harold Arnold, *President*, **Fram Renewable Fuels**

Vaughan Bassett, *Senior Vice President of Biomass Sales & Logistics*, **Drax**

**Moderator:**

Bill Strauss, *President*, **FutureMetrics**

Thomas Meth, *Executive Vice President*, **ENVIVA**

**12:15** **Exploring alternate markets for pellets beyond Russia**

- What production capacity can be expected from Russia in the next 2-5 years?
- How are Russian producers positioning themselves to supply customers in the industrial and premium pellet markets?
- How might supply from Russia to Asia increase over the next decade?
- How well set up are Russian ports for handling wood pellets?

**Speakers include:**

Alexander Afanasyev, *Managing Director*, **Peltrade**

Nicolas Viart, *Technical Director*, **SBS**

Michael Christensen, *Chief Operating Officer*, **CM Biomass**

**13:00** Lunch break





- 14:45 A careful balancing act or market tension? How developments in the industrial market impact on the premium pellet market**
- An overview of how the industrial and premium pellet markets interact, what creates tension and how price could be affected
  - What can be learnt from the most recent winter? And what to expect for the 2022 heating season
  - Changing sourcing strategies to meet new demand – which supply regions will be key?
  - Is growth in the residential market limited? Will demand from commercial and industrial application take significant volumes in the future?

Speakers include:

Filippo Valdata, *Trader*, **PelletMyFire**

Didzis Palejs, *Chairman*, **LATbio**

Moderator:

Christian Rakos, *President*, **World Bioenergy Association**

## 15:30 Afternoon break

- 16:15 How do industrials view sustainable biomass as a way of meeting carbon reduction targets?**
- How are industrials across diverse sectors utilising biomass to reduce carbon emissions?
  - What role can locally sourced biomass contribute towards a circular economy?
  - What other ways are bio-based products being used to reduce the environmental impact?
  - What are the opportunities for advanced, torrefied pellets in industrial heat and power generation for industrials?

Speakers include:

Lucas Fabre, *Industrial Energy Transition Expert*, **Solvay**

Andrew Johnson, *Vice President*, **TSI**

Dennis Werner, *Sales Director*, **Amandus Kahl**

- 17:00 Chairperson's closing remarks**

## 17.10 Networking Drinks reception

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## Friday 29 April - Conference Day 3

- 09.00 Exhibition opens**

- 09:20 Chairperson's opening remarks**

- 09:30 Asia focus: Shifting trade flows, feed-in tariff (FIT) scheme in Japan and regional production – How are developments in Asia affecting global trade dynamics?**

- An update on policy and project status in Japan – how changes to the rules on sustainability will affect trade
- How can exporters comply with sustainability requirements and meet the volumes required?
- Beyond the FIT: The role of biomass as part of Japan's renewable energy strategy
- How are other countries in the region looking to move away from fossil fuels to meet their carbon reduction obligations?

Speakers:

Yoshinobu Kusano, *Senior Advisor*, **Renova**

Takanobu Aikawa, *Senior Researcher*, **Renewable Energy Institute**

Ryuu Lee, *Senior Manager Material Department (Renewable Energy Section)*, **Hanwa Thailand**

Kevin Park, *Senior Manager*, **KOEN**

Moderator:

Bill Strauss, *President*, **FutureMetrics**





## 10:15 Interpreting the key policy developments and what challenges and opportunities they present for biomass trade

- What are the implications of Fit for 55 and RED III for the industrial and residential pellet markets?
- How will increased rigidity of sustainability criteria mean for harmonisation in Europe and biomass trade?
- Assessing national approaches to biomass sustainability criteria and subsidy schemes
- How could policy developments encourage further investment in biomass?

### Speakers:

Kamila Waciega, *Director, Energy, Public Affairs*, **Veolia**

Uwe Fritsche, *Scientific Director*, **IINAS**

Kees Kwant, *Senior Expert Bioenergy en liaison Biobased Economy*, **RVO**

### Moderator:

Irene Di Padua, *Policy Director*, **Bioenergy Europe**

## 11.00 Morning break

### 11.45 Round table discussions (Exhibition hall)

1. Is biomass a viable solution for energy intensive industries to reduce their carbon emissions?
2. Beyond FIT: The future of biomass as part of Japan's renewable energy strategy
3. BECCs – On the journey to carbon negativity
4. Prospects and challenges for the emergence of biomass-fueled commercial scale operations

Gilles Gauthier, *Director Business Development & Membership*, **Bioenergy Europe**

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## 12:45 Lunch break

### 14:15 How can the biomass sector co-ordinate and communicate better to tackle the public perception challenge or does something more fundamental need to change?

- How effectively is the biomass sector communicating its socially and economically responsible, and sustainable credentials in the eyes of public and the Government?
- Has the biomass sector responded adequately to NGO criticism?
- Should the sector be looking at a coordinated approach going forward?

### Speakers include:

Mark Sommerfield, *Head of Power and Flexibility*, **Renewable Energy Association**

Luc Pelkmans, *Technical Coordinator*, **IEA Bioenergy**

Adam Brown, *Senior Energy Analyst*, **IEA Biofutures Platform**

### Moderator:

Daniel Reinemann, *Policy Officer*, **Bionenergy Europe**

### 15:00 Closing debate – What will the biomass market look like in 5-8 years' time?

- What are the possible scenarios for the biomass sector once UK and Dutch subsidies have expired? Will new market structures and dynamics emerge?
- What needs to be done to encourage further investment in the sector?
- How will biomass compete with other renewables as well as traditional fuels as Europe pushes towards its environmental targets?
- What are the commercial prospects for advanced, thermally treated pellets? What demand can we expect?

### Speakers include:

Bengt-Erik Löfgren, *CEO*, **ÅFAB**

Maarten Gnoth, *Founder & Director*, **Hinterland Management**

### Moderator:

Freddie Staermose, *Vice-President - Generation Fuels & Dry Bulks*, **Argus**

### 15.45 Chairperson's closing remarks

Freddie Staermose, *Vice-President - Generation Fuels & Dry Bulks*, **Argus**

### 15.50 End of conference