

Workshop on balancing bioenergy production and sustainable forest management in mountain areas

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The demand for renewable energy is growing all over Europe. Bioenergy can provide diverse sustainable alternatives to fossil fuels and furthermore new incomes and increased energy security for rural communities. On the other hand, the production of bioenergy can pose serious social and environmental risks that need to be managed.

Preliminary programme

	Introduction, presentation of EUSDR (PA 2), Carpathian Convention and the MoC
First part of the workshop: Current situation	<p>I. Frameworks, policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current EU climate and energy policy, 2030 climate & energy framework • Protocol on Sustainable Forest Management (<i>Carpathian Convention</i>) • Adaptation to climate change in mountain areas (<i>Carpathian Convention WG on Adaptation to Climate Change</i>)
	<p>II. Forests & Energy – Opportunity or Threat?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable forest management (<i>Carpathian Convention</i>) • A sustainable bioenergy policy for the period after 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presenting the <i>Position of the European bioenergy sector</i> • Impacts of biomass production in forest areas in Europe
Second part: Future outlook	<p>III. Towards sustainability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Example of a success story (PromoBio project) • Mitigation of Climate Change (Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry LULUCF) • Ideas and challenges for future • Discussion



Objectives:

- To discuss concerns and recommendations on how to achieve a socially and environmentally sustainable climate and energy policy associated with bioenergy production in mountain areas of the Danube/Carpathian Region.
- To open the debate about increasing demand for bioenergy production and the question on how this demand can be met sustainably.
- To identify future challenges in the light of post-2020 and beyond.

Who should attend?

This workshop should provide us background information, evaluate the current situation in the region and prepare the ground for the future activities - follow ups in terms of workshops focusing on the support of the regional initiatives and projects or sharing best practices etc.

Therefore our target group would be:

- Experts and scholars from environmental organisations and other relevant institutions from the Danube - Carpathian region
- National, regional and local authorities from the Danube - Carpathian region
- Members of the Carpathian Convention WG on Sustainable Forest Management
- EU and international institutions
- Environmental organisations and NGOs
- Potential partners of EU projects