

Fostering Sustainable Feedstock Production for Advanced Biofuels on underutilised land in Europe (FORBIO)

The ELO, together with 11 partners, is demonstrating the viability of using land in EU Member States and beyond for non-food bioenergy feedstock production without interfering with the production of food or feed, nor with land currently used for recreational and/or conservational purposes.



Since January 2016 the ELO and its partners are taking part in the Horizon 2020 project for the duration of 36 months. In October 2016 took place a stakeholder meeting in Carbonia, Sardinia to discuss the next steps, targeting to develop a methodology to assess bioenergy production potential on available "underutilised lands" in Europe (contaminated,

abandoned, fallow land, etc.) at national and local level. Based on this methodology, the project will produce multiple feasibility studies in selected case study locations (Germany, Italy and Ukraine).

There are a number of barriers to the market uptake of sustainable bioenergy, including limited coordination among policies in areas directly relevant for the bioenergy sector, e.g. agriculture, energy and environment. In the target countries, FORBIO will foster a better alignment of policies in these areas, by organizing consultations and facilitating the exchange of information and best practices among relevant stakeholders and especially policy-makers. In addition, thanks to its focus on underutilised areas and its in-depth assessment of environmental, social and economic sustainability issues, the project will mitigate the risk of competition between renewable energy, bioenergy development objectives and objectives in the areas of agriculture and food security, while contributing to climate change mitigation and other environmental sustainability objectives.

In addition, the project will carry out awareness raising and capacity building activities in order to share lessons learnt and good practices.



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