The team behind the Bioenergy System Planners Handbook is proud to announce that the handbook is now freely available on the web at [http://bisyplan.bioenarea.eu/](http://bisyplan.bioenarea.eu/).

It is a well-known fact that biomass is major among the renewable energy resources used in Europe and it is widely anticipated that it will remain so for quite some time, though of course wind, solar, small-scale hydropower and a number of others are rapidly increasing.

It is also a well-known fact that biomass-for-energy is sometimes considered a competitor with respect to fertile land so that an extensive use of biomass-for-energy will, almost by definition, reduce the potential for food production.

The **BISYPLAN** handbook aims at providing a factual basis, outlining a current state-of-the-art with respect to biomass-for-energy, removing some of the misunderstandings and demonstrating how biomass can well be used for the production of energy without any competition within the agricultural sector.

The handbook comprises 25 chapters and 3 appendices produced by the undersigned experts in various fields from the Linnaeus University in Sweden, Tallinn University of Technology in Estonia, The Centre for Research & Technology Hellas (CERTH) in Greece, The Trees and Timber Institute (IVALSA) in Italy and the Tipperary Energy Agency in Ireland.

In the handbook you will find different biomasses and aspects on supply, resources, most suitable processes, economy etc, and you will also find text sections devoted to planning aspects and much more, so as to enhance the strategic energy planning in your region.

The handbook is available in four languages; English, Estonian, Greek and Italian and has been produced with financing from the sub-program Bio-En-Area within the European Union Interreg IVC programme, which is hereby gratefully acknowledged.

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