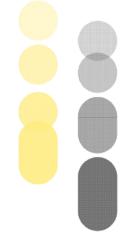






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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

For various reason it was proposed, and agreed with the INEA project officer, to adjust the scope and postpone the deadline for the current Deliverable 3.4 "Open Access Review Article", as follows:

- Submission of an abstract to a conference by M6 (Feb 2020)
- Submission of a journal paper by M24 (Aug 2021) to a renewable energy or supply chain management journal (open access). By M24, the review article will have been submitted to a journal.

The current version of the Deliverable covers the first part of the revised scope.

The abstract "Supply Chain Management for Intermediate Bioenergy Carriers – Analysis of Four European Case Studies" was submitted to the 28<sup>th</sup> European Biomass Conference and Exhibition (EUBCE 2020) which will be held in Marseille, from 27 to 30 April 2020.

The abstract and the confirmation of submission are attached.



### **Topic 5: Bioenergy Integration**

5.4 Market implementation, investments & financing

**Justification for Topic Selection:** The abstract considers the development of market uptake initiatives and strategies for intermediate bioenergy carriers. Hence, sub-topic 5.4 is most suitable, as this research directly addresses the bullet points "market uptake initiatives and policies" and "challenges of scale-up and market implementation of new technologies".

### Supply Chain Management for Intermediate Bioenergy Carriers - Analysis of Four European Case Studies

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With the increasing share of bioenergy in the European energy mix, intermediate bioenergy carriers (IBC, here torrefied pellets, pyrolysis oil and microbial oil) become of growing importance, as they can ensure utilisation of certain feedstock which cannot be directly used in bioenergy conversion technologies. Additionally, IBC provide flexibility to the energy system by improving storage characteristics and energy density of the feedstock. However, the technologies to produce these IBCs are not jet established in the bioenergy market. Hence, it is crucial to develop adequate strategies to support their market implementation. Within this research, the stakeholders along the IBCs' supply chains are considered in order to break this vicious cycle of innovative technologies (Knight et al., 2015). Innovative technologies often face the situation that the accompanying supply chain is not yet optimised or established even though the technology itself is ready for market introduction. Depending on the respective IBC and level of market readiness as well regional circumstances, the stakeholders associated with the value chain differ and interact differently. Hence, stakeholders associated with the IBC value chain are identified and analysed as part of different case studies across Europe. The cases considered within this research are regions in Scandinavia (pyrolysis oil), Italy (microbial oil), Greece (torrefied pellets) and Belgium (pyrolysis oil). Based on the evaluation of these different European case studies, the importance, influence and needs of the individual stakeholders as well as their role within the supply chain can be determined (Mitchell et al., 1997). Based on that, conclusions can be drawn on ideal supply chain set-ups which can support market implementation of IBCs. Furthermore, strategies (for organisations as well as governing bodies) can be developed, how market development can be reached.

A literature review is carried out in order to assess the previously described vicious cycle of innovative technologies (Tebaldi et al., 2018). Furthermore, supply chain methods and strategies which are utilised in other markets and industries are considered. In parallel, key stakeholders in the respective case study regions are identified and categorised mainly in immediate and broader stakeholders (ref). Immediate stakeholders can be – from the perspective of the IBC production plant – (a) upstream and hence biomass producers and biomass production industries such as (associations of) farmers, agroindustries, foresters, forest industries, or (b) downstream and hence IBC buyers or users. Included are also (c) IBC producers themselves as well as (d) IBC technology suppliers. The broader stakeholders consist of local, regional or national actors in the case study regions including GOs and NGOs, e.g. local authorities, policy actors, activist groups and other economic actors or networks as well as relevant associations.

These activities are the foundation for a detailed stakeholder analysis which will assess possible set-ups for IBC supply chains through engagement processes like interviews, workshops and other dissemination activities. At EUBCE 2020, the preliminary results of the literature review and from the stakeholder identification process will be presented. In addition, an overview of strategies and supply chain mechanisms from other industries will be given which may be used for market introduction of IBCs.

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