

# MARKET UPTAKE SUPPORT FOR INTERMEDIATE BIOENERGY CARRIERS - THE MUSIC PROJECT (HORIZON 2020)

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# THE MUSIC PROJECT – INTERMEDIATE BIOENERGY CARRIERS

**Intermediate Bioenergy Carriers (IBCs)** are densified biomass ‘energy’ – similar to coal and oil. IBCs are easier to store, transport and use than regular biomass.

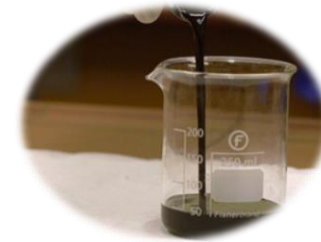
In the **MUSIC project**, the market uptake of IBCs is facilitated, by developing feedstock mobilisation strategies, improved cost-effective logistics and trade centres.

- Duration: September 2019 – February 2023
- Budget: ca. 3M €
- Website: <https://www.music-h2020.eu/>

Torrefied biomass



Pyrolysis oil

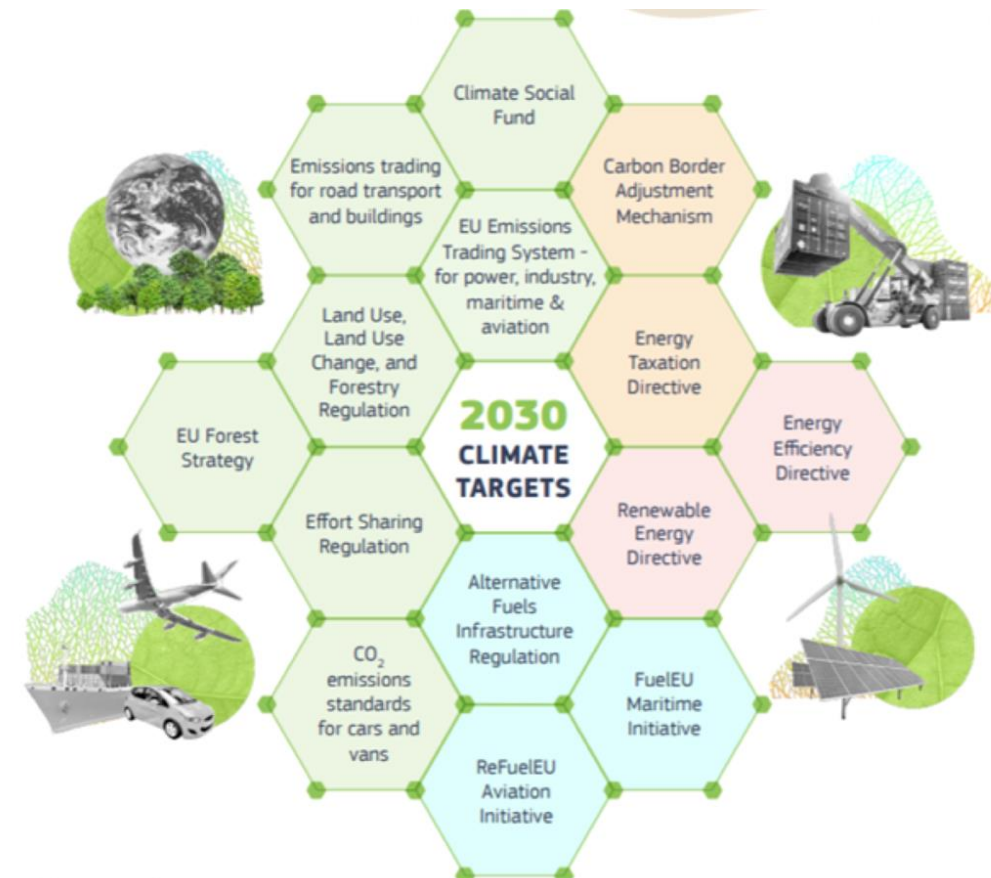


Microbial oil



# FRAMEWORK ASSESSMENT

- **Industrial surveys** (one each on TB, PO & MO) to establish key drivers and barriers to IBC market uptake
- **Forward and backward casting** to assess IBC market potential
- **Summary paper for policy makers**, synthesising the knowledge and insights gained from desk research, case study development, expert interviews and online workshops
- ***Fit for 55*** suites of proposals (published July 2021 & Dec 2021) were assessed for their relevance for MUSIC's IBCs
- Policy framework subject to changes



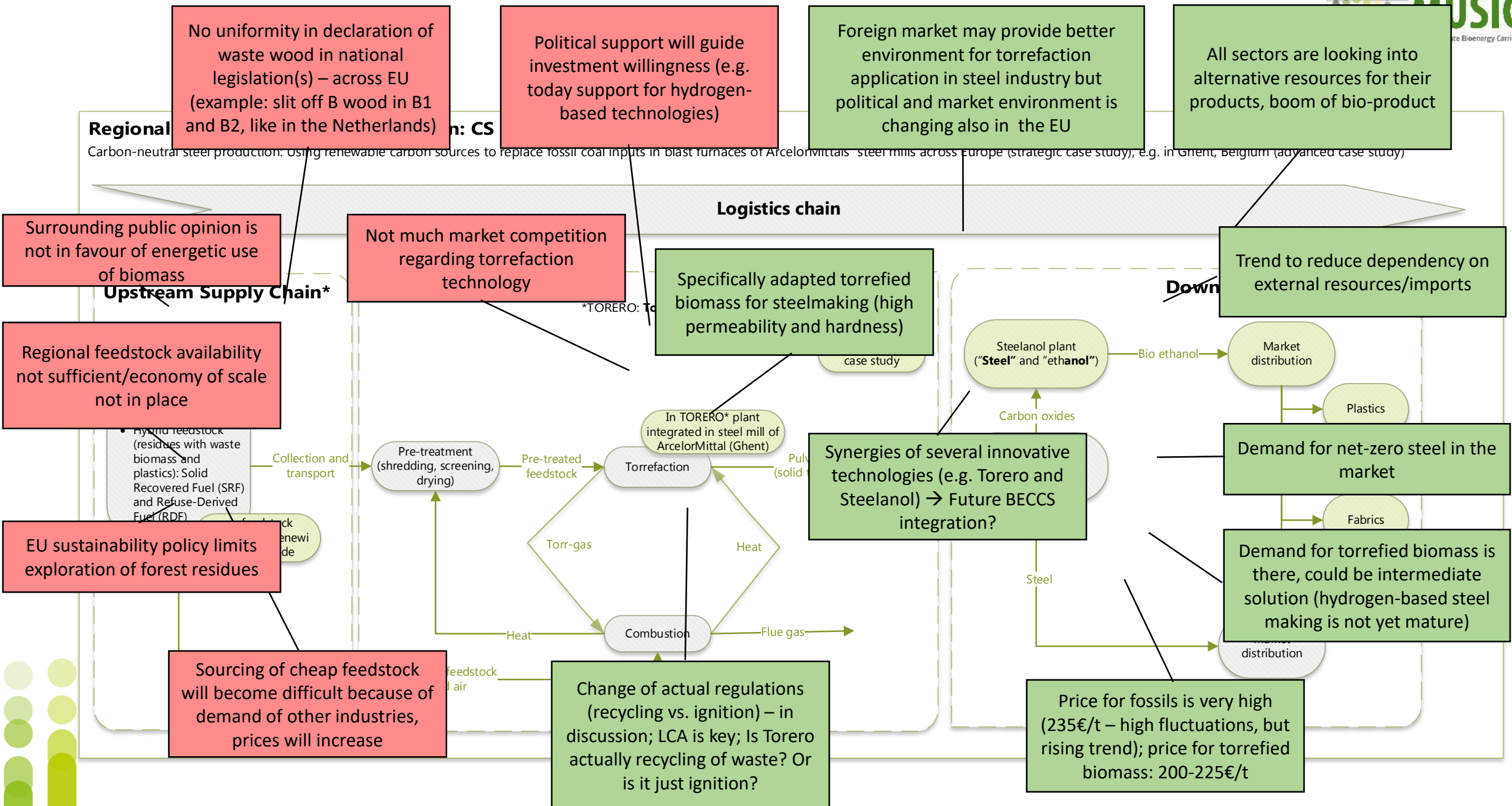
# STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT, LINKED TO CASE STUDIES

Strategy development, linked to case studies

- IBC supply chain descriptions
- Analysis of hindrances and enablers of IBC supply chains
- Direct interviews with regional stakeholders and more determined discussions at workshops, fairs and round tables to assess
- Factors defined through PESTEL+ (Political, Economic, Social, Technological, Environmental, Legal) analysis are sorted into enablers and hindrances
- Enablers and hindrances can be allocated to SWOT/TOWS tables



Next slide: Sample result (supply chain scheme)



# STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

## Regional Stakeholder Engagement

- Series of Regional Stakeholder Engagement workshops, linked to case studies
- Forthcoming: free in person networking event **Bio-economy in a net-zero European industry** @ Deutsches Biomasseforschungszentrum (DBFZ) in Leipzig, 30-31 May

## Industrial Working Groups (IWG)

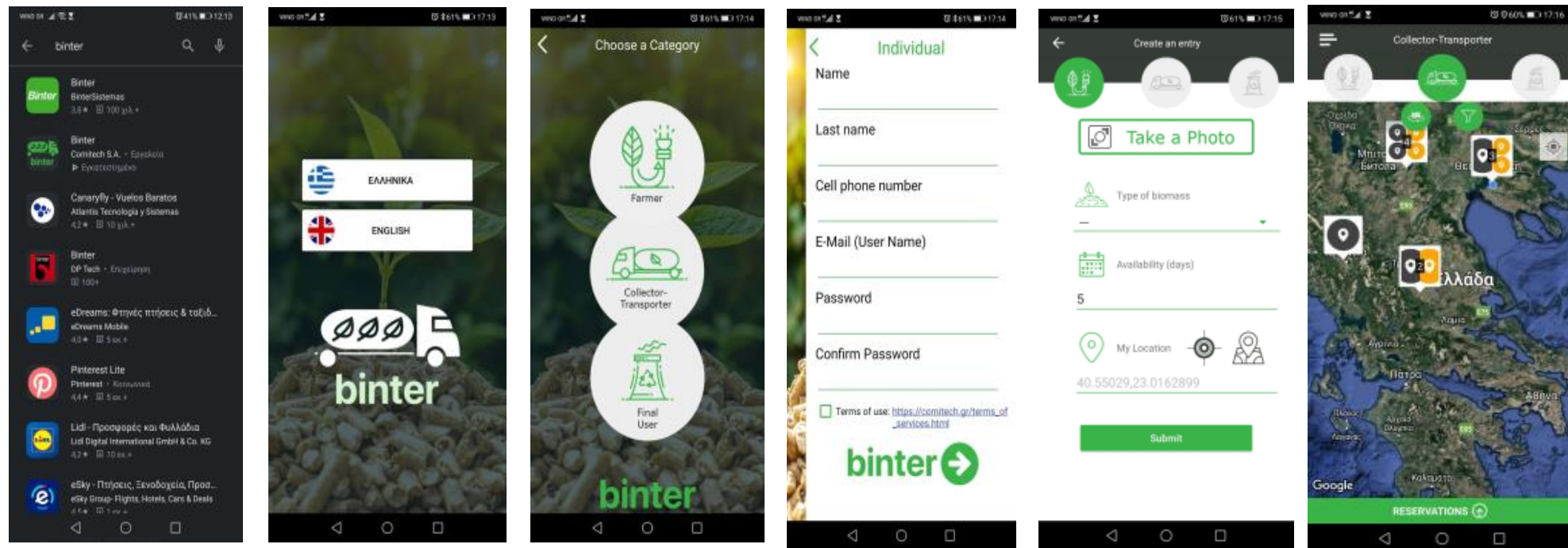
- Focusing on Energy intensive industries, Maritime transport and Aviation transport
- Forthcoming: free online workshop on "**Use of advanced biofuels to decarbonise maritime transport**" @ EUBCE conference, Thursday 12 May 2022 (15.00 – 17.00) - <https://www.eubce.com/hostedevents/music-workshop-use-of-pyrolysis-oil-and-other-advanced-biofuels-to-decarbonize-maritime-transport/>



# LOGISTICAL MODELS

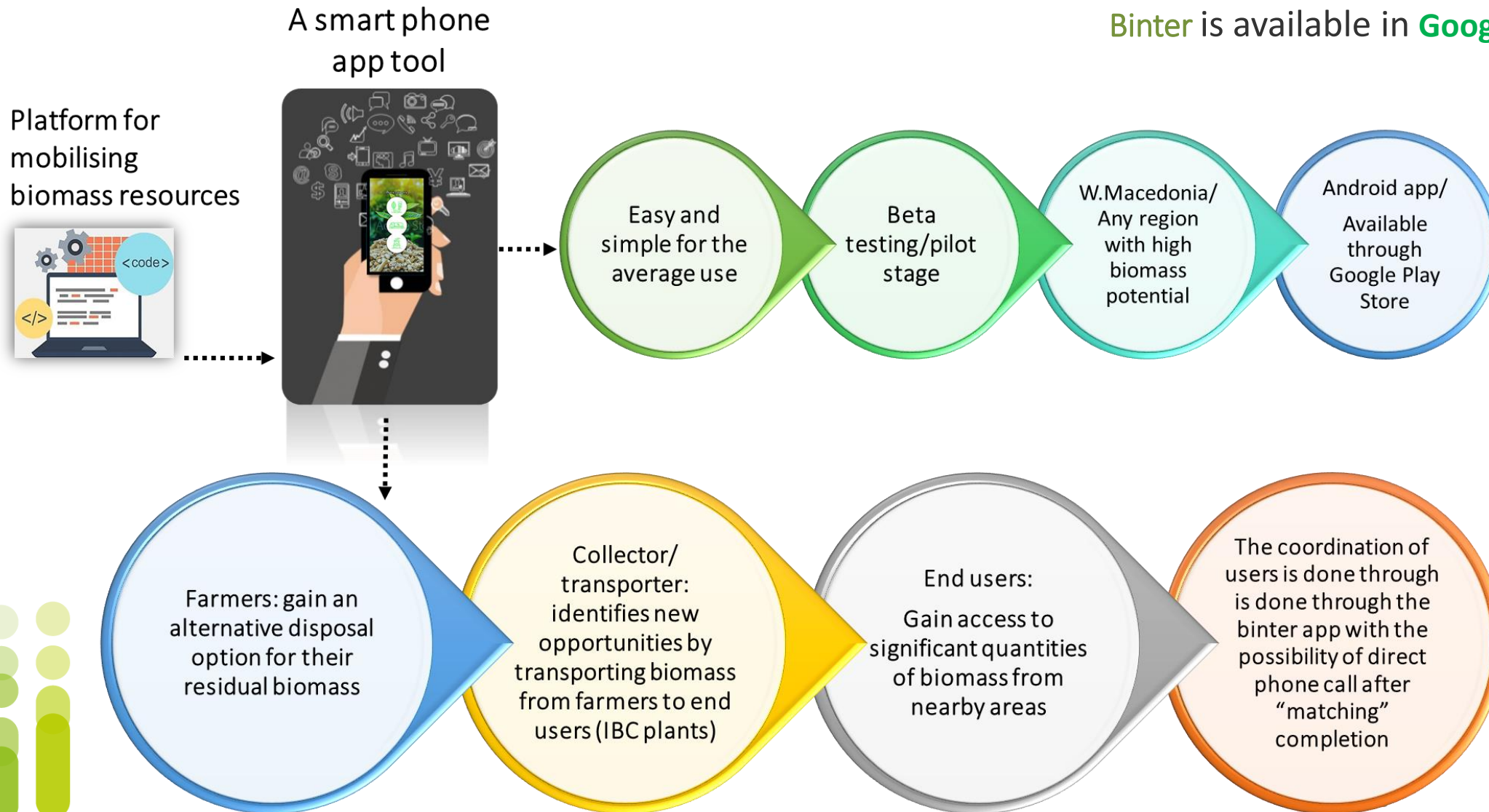
Development of **biomass mobilisation and chain optimisation software tools** to assess regional biomass flows and facilitate regional biomass trade towards IBCs in case study regions

- **Various GIS-models** to determine e.g. potential biomass availability, optimise biomass (residues) supply, assess costs of biomass logistics, and/or siting of IBC facility
- For Greece: **Smartphone app 'binter'**, connecting farmers, collectors/transporters & final users



# 'BINTER' APP (BIOMASS INTERMEDIATES)

Binter is available in **Google Play Store** for free





# VALUE CHAIN ASSESSMENT CASE STUDIES

Elaboration of value chain assessment in four case study regions (Sweden/Finland, Italy, Greece, and International)

- Case studies investigating: cost-effective logistics, feedstock mobilisation strategies and trade centres)
- Aspects covered: Technology, Markets, Biomass availability and pricing, Value chain description and location of plants, Logistics, GHG emission reductions, Economic Feasibility.
- Strong industrial participation

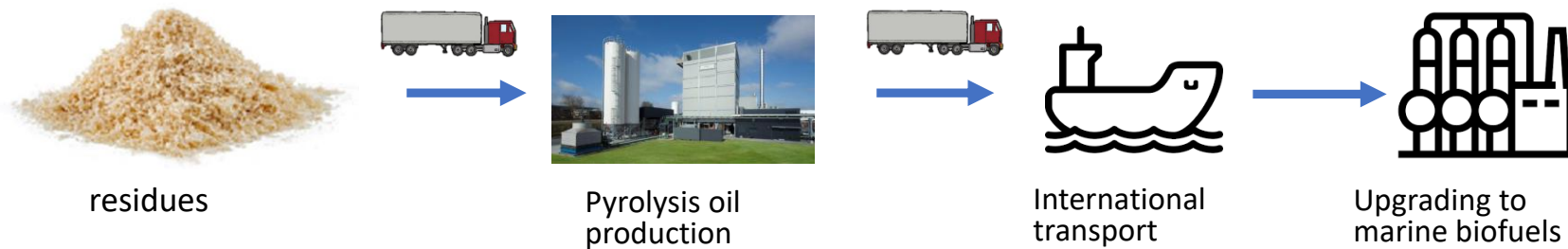
<i>Case type</i>	<i>Biomass mobilised (t/year)</i>	<i>RE generated (TJ/year)</i>	<i>IBCs (t/year)</i>
Advanced	802.778	4.660	164.000
Strategic	2.514.815	17.328	913.333

*MUSIC impacts - quantitative indications*



## CASE STUDY: SWEDEN/FINLAND

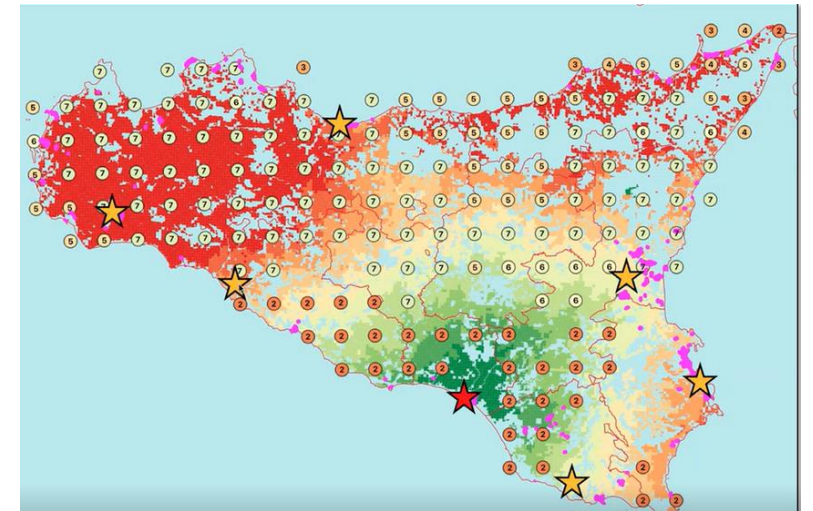
- Concept: Production of pyrolysis oil (192 kton/year) in eight plants, followed by transport to the Netherlands and upgrading to marine biofuels.



- Results:
  - Costs for PO transport are substantial (ca 60 Euro/tonne, ca 15% - 20% of total cost price PO).
  - 'Port-to-port' bulk transport is preferable above alternatives (e.g. via a hub, containerized)
  - Substantial amounts of hydrogen are needed. Costs per tonne of avoided CO<sub>2</sub> are lower for 'greener' hydrogen

## CASE STUDY: ITALY

- Concept: Conversion of agricultural residues in Microbial Oil for transport fuel production in ENI refineries in Gela and Porto Marghera
- Target production of 100 kt/year MO, roughly equivalent to 700 kt/year dry biomass
- Target Italian regions: Sicily and Veneto
- GIS modeling to determine plant siting/costs
- Results:
  - Biomass availability is sufficient for target capacity
  - Central MO-production sites preferable to decentral ones
  - Overall costs are in line with costs for other biofuel production technologies from lignocellulosic materials



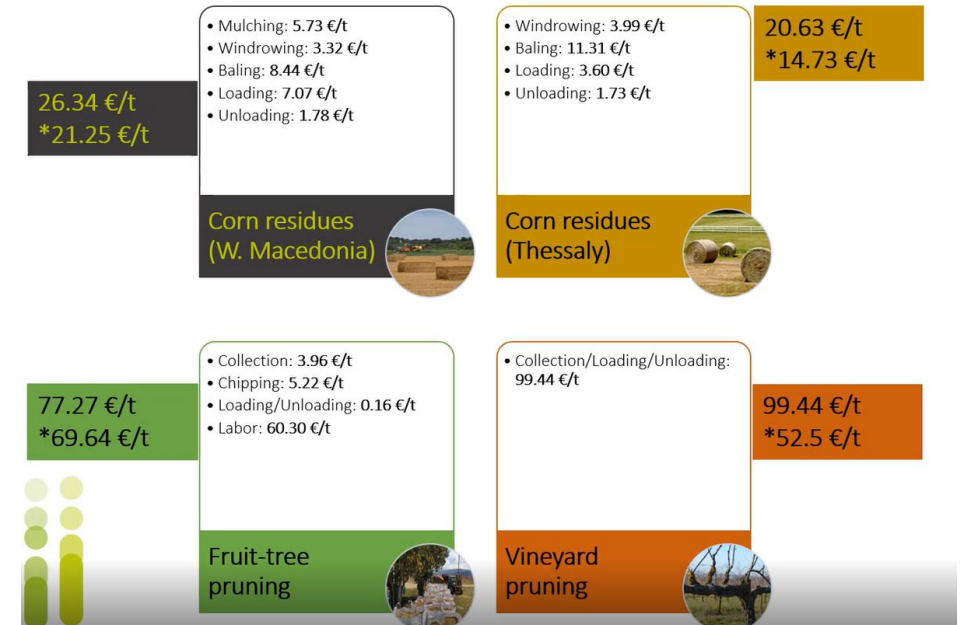
# CASE STUDY: GREECE

## • Overall concept

- Overall goal is developing a value chain for torrefaction of biomass and supplying it to various district heating plants/other industrial end users to replace lignite coal

## • Results

- Analysis of agricultural practices
- Analysis overall supply
- Simulate torrefaction process
  - Aspen+ model, adjusted for types of biomass, etc.
- Optimize supply chains and production
  - Logistic GIS model, supply optimization model, sensitivity analysis
  - Costs for supplying torrefied material to the factory gate have been determined at 38 Euro/MWh



## CASE STUDY: INTERNATIONAL

- Concept: Use of torrefied biomass in ArcelorMittal sites across Europe.
- Results
  - Investigating feasibility of non-wood feedstocks due to stiff competition for renewable biomass streams (waste wood). SRF and RDF identified as alternative
  - Direct replacement of coal is feasible up to 2%-4%
  - 30.000 tonne/year Torero plant reactor installation is on-going
  - Feedstock requirements for 60% replacement of coal at AM sites in EU has been determined at ca. 1.6 million tonne/year





# THE MUSIC PROJECT – WHAT’S STILL IN STORE?

## Selected MUSIC activities

- **Case studies:** synthesis, lessons learned and impact analysis
- Series of **White Papers** (one per IBC)
- **Prospects/perspectives of IBC use** in targeted sectors: power and heat sector; maritime shipping sector; steel industry; large-scale pellet production sector
- **Guidance document** for IBC project development
- **Engagement activities:** (a) regional stakeholder workshops in Italy, Greece, Sweden; (b) Industry Working Groups meetings; (c) final dissemination workshop linked to European Bioenergy Future (Oct/Nov 2022, Brussels), etc.
- **Business mission/s**
- **Policy recommendations**
  - at national and EU level
  - on IBCs and advocacy work





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