



**Biomass Canada Cluster/AgroBioHeat Joint Virtual Webinar:
“Success stories and lessons learned from the use of agricultural biomass for bioenergy production in the European Union”**

Wednesday, 5th May 2021, 4 pm CET/10am EST/7am PST

Canada is recognized worldwide as a leading producer, processor and exporter of high-quality oilseeds, pulses, and cereal grains. Canada’s unique geography, which includes several different climatic zones and millions of hectares of fertile soil, enables producers to grow diverse and numerous crops. Canada’s annual grains and oilseed production has been about 90 million metric tonne in the last five years. Commercial production of grains and oilseeds results in the availability of large quantities of crop residues which can be used as feedstock for bioenergy, biofuels and other bio-based products. Although a portion of these residues are currently used for local animal feed and bedding markets, a majority of these resources are currently underutilized or burnt in the field.

Despite the low uptake of agricultural biomass resources in the evolving Canadian bioeconomy, agricultural biomass has been used in a greater extend for the production of low-carbon heat and power in the European Union (EU). To raise the awareness among the stakeholders in the Canadian Bioeconomy on the existing and potential opportunities for the use of locally produced agricultural biomass in Canada, [Biomass Canada Cluster](#) and the [AgroBioHeat Project](#) are holding a joint panel discussion on the success stories and lessons learned from the use of agricultural biomass for bioheat and biopower production in the EU. This webinar provides an international perspective on the potential opportunities to advance agricultural biomass use for a sustainable, low-carbon economy in Canada. The registration link, webinar agenda and the list of panelists are provided below.

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15 minutes	Introduction and setting the scene, Dr. Mahmood Ebadian, The University of British Columbia
15 minutes	Overview of the agrobiomass sector in Europe/the AgroBioHeat Project, Manolis Karampinis
15 minutes	Spanish experiences with agricultural biomass, Pablo Rodero
15 minutes	Utilization of agricultural biomass and residuals for heat and steam production, Claus Mikael Larsen
15 minutes	COMPT.E.R Biomass Boilers: Success stories and lessons learned from the use of woody and non-woody biomass for heat production in Europe and Canada, Jerome Maillet
15 minutes	Difficulties and solutions for crop residues as feedstock for bioenergy, Detlef Max Hoffmann
30 minutes	Panel Discussion

List of Panelists:



Manolis Karampinis
AgroBioHeat Project Coordinator
Research Associate at CERTH/CPERI

Manolis is a research associate at Centre for Research and Technology Hellas. Currently, he coordinates AgroBioHeat, a project funded by European Union's Horizon 2020 programme with the objective to foster the development of new agrobiomass-to-heat value chains. Manolis is a board member of the Greek Biomass Association and Bioenergy Europe.



Pablo Rodero
EU Projects Manager, Spanish Biomass Association (AVEBIOM)

Pablo Rodero is the responsible for EU projects in AVEBIOM since 2011. He is member of the Bioenergy Europe and European Pellet Council's boards. He is also member of the technical committee CTN 164 for the normalization of solid biofuels and manages the agrobiomass certification scheme BIOmasud.



Claus Mikael Larsen
Head of Project Sales of Linka Energy A/S

Claus is an engineer and educator in Business Administration. He has more than 15-year experience in biomass boiler systems based on straw, woody biomasses etc. The experience Claus has gained within biomass covers project management, negotiation & contract handling, technical support (export partners), cost calculation and market development (mostly, Europe and North America).



Jerome Maillet
Export Manager of COMPTE.R Group – Biomass Solutions

Jerome is export manager for COMPTE.R group with expertise in biomass energy for heating applications. He is a cross-disciplinary actor with a strong background in Business Development and Project Management.



Detlef Max Hoffmann
CEO of Green Future Consulting

As consultant, advisor and project manager, his principal task is to design circular economy projects and to accompany the projects through the process until their completion. The focus of his company is in heat and biomass fuel production, cogeneration, biogas and projects for soil improvement for better harvests and against desertification.

About AgroBioHeat: The AgroBioHeat Project aims to promote modern, cost-effective and low-emission heating solutions using agricultural biomass for rural Europe. The project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under Grant Agreement No 818369.

About BioMass Canada Cluster (BMC): BMC's mandate is to mobilize Canada's agricultural biomass resources for bioenergy and bioproducts production by de-risking and commoditizing agricultural biomass in all regions of Canada, while mitigating and adapting to a changing climate. BMC is led by the BioFuelNet Canada Network with the financial support from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's AgriScience Program and industry partners.