

Greenhouse Gas Aspects of Biomass Cascading – Reuse, Recycling and Energy Generation

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Background information

IEA Bioenergy is an international, collaborative research programme on bioenergy aiming at improved international cooperation and information exchange (www.ieabioenergy.com). The primary goal of IEA Bioenergy Task 38 (“Greenhouse Gas Balances of Biomass and Bioenergy Systems”) is to investigate all processes involved in the use of bioenergy and carbon sequestration systems, with the aim of assessing overall greenhouse gas balances and supporting decision makers in selection of mitigation strategies. Participating countries are Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Ireland, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, The Netherlands, and the USA. The conference is part of a series of workshops and conferences within Task 38, taking place on a regular basis. For more detailed information on the Task, its output, and on previous events see www.joanneum.at/iea-bioenergy-task38.

The COST (European Co-operation in the Field of Scientific and Technical Research) Action E31 (2002 to 2006) is a multi-disciplinary forum for the exchange of information on “Management of Recovered Wood” with the main objective to improve the European management of recovered wood towards a higher common technical, economic and environmental standard. Researchers of 20 European countries – Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Rumania, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom - are involved in the Action, which is subdivided in 2 Working Groups: “European management of recovered wood” and “Treatment options for recovered wood”. For more detailed information on the COST Action E31, its output, and on previous events see www.ctib-tchn.be/coste31 .