

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

System and Integration Aspects of Biomass-based Gasification



Industry-based Biorefineries

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Group PortucelSoporcel - Profile

European Leader in UWF

- ▶▶ **Leading European manufacturer of uncoated woodfree (UWF) printing and writing paper**, and the 6th largest producer in the world
- ▶▶ Leading manufacturer, and one of the largest in the world of **bleached eucalyptus kraft pulp (BEKP)**



Annual Industrial Capacity

- ▶▶ 1.6 million tons of paper
- ▶▶ 1.4 million tons of pulp (of which some 1.1 millions tons is incorporated into paper)
- ▶▶ 2.5 TWh of electricity

Annual turnover of more than 1.5 billion euros, with foreign sales of 1.25 billion euros.

95% of pulp and paper sales exported to more than 110 countries, over 5 continents

Production Plants, Commercial Subsidiaries, R&D units and Nurseries

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| LONDON | MADRID | PARIS | SETÚBAL | WARSAW | VERONA | VIENNA

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NORTH AFRICA CASABLANCA

-  PRODUCTION PLANTS
-  R&D (RAÍZ)
-  COMMERCIAL
SUBSIDIARIES
-  NURSERIES
(ESPIRRA ESTATE)



Business Areas

- Paper Production and Marketing
- Pulp Production and Marketing
- Research & Development
- Agro-Forestry
- Energy



Industrial Structure

The Group has 3 production units on an international scale with sophisticated technology

Cacia



Pulp – 285.000 tAD

Figueira



Pulp– 560.000 tAD / Paper 790.000 t

Setúbal



Pulp – 530.000 tAD / Paper 795.000 t

Energy

- ▶ Portugal's leading producer of "green power" from biomass and wood waste, accounting around 50% of all electricity generated in the country from this renewable source
- ▶ The Group has invested approximately 200 million euros in energy-related projects and currently has power generation capacity of 2.5 TWh/year.
- ▶ In 2012, the Group accounted for 4.4% of the total electricity generated in Portugal



Figueira da Foz



Setúbal



Cacia



Projects for International Expansion

Mozambique (African continent):

- Forestry operations over an area of 360.000 hectares
- Integrated eucalyptus plantation, pulp and energy project
- Estimated \$2.3 billion investment
- Expected to generate 7,500 direct jobs

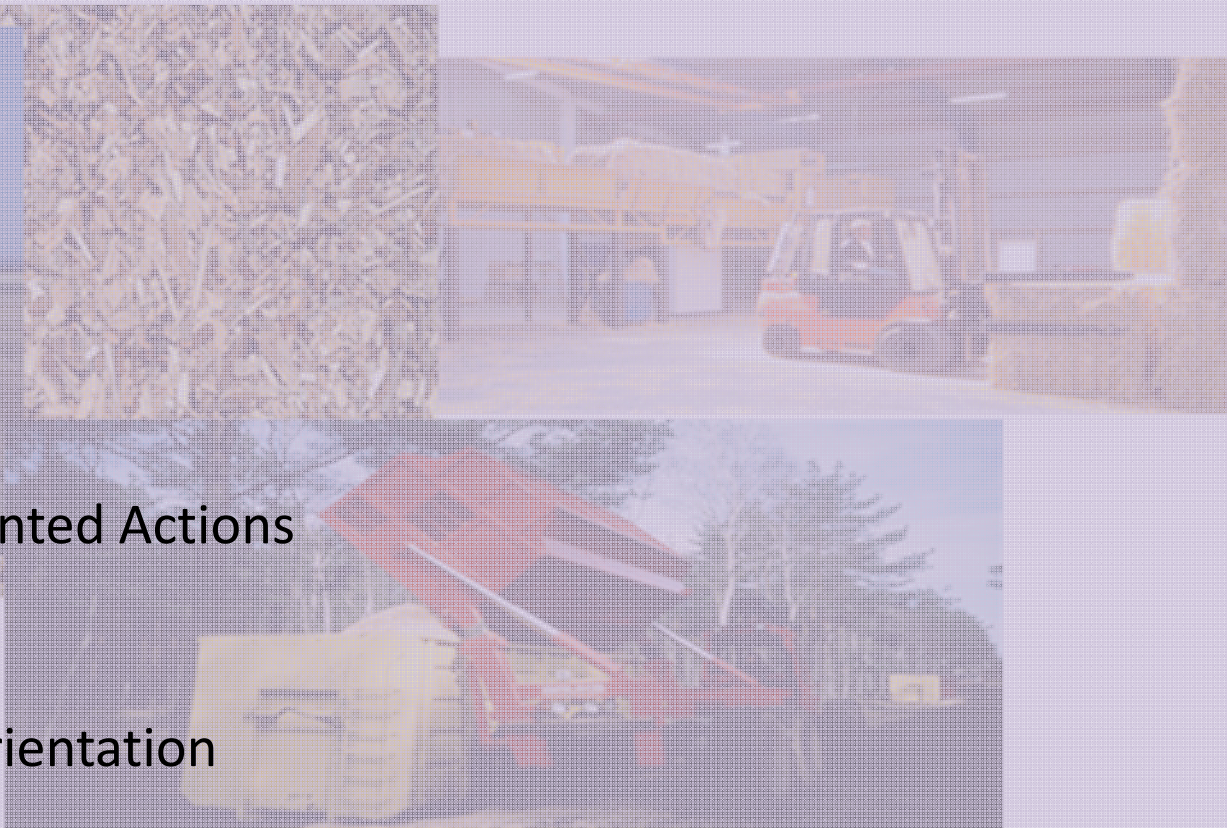


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The concept...

- The biorefinery industrial concept - an integrated process converting biomass available, related to the industrial complex, into valuable products.

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Research Partnering
Evaluation of R&D Performance
Assessment & Feasibility Studies
Information Exchange
Dissemination activities



Energy

Fuels



materials
Intermediates
end-products & feedstocks

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Focus towards an Ideal Concept?

- Wide range of valuable products
 - Competitiveness
 - Market
- Ability to process different biomass feedstocks
 - Resources
 - Flexibility
 - Economics
- Efficient integration with minimum impacts
 - Energy
 - Waste
 - Emissions
 - Sustainability

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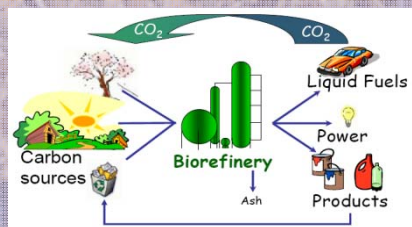
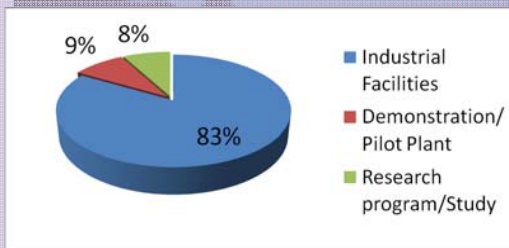
Scope & Activities

The general objective is to provide a sound basis for the integration of biorefinery concept in different industrial sectors, where biomass is used as resource or biomass based waste is available, which could be used for fuel/energy production but also considering opportunities for added value bio-products generation.

- ✓ optimization of energy efficiency in existing and/or new integrated industrial plants, to convert internal biomass and wastes to energy and bio-products
- ✓ implementation of joint projects leading to engine fuels production
- ✓ biofuels production by integration of CO₂ capture and sequestration in the conversion process

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Annex Structure



TASK I

Bioenergy and Biofuels

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TASK II

Biochemicals
 and New Fiber Materials

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TASK III

Sustainability
 Studies

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TASK IV

Process
 Integration

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Status & Implemented Actions

- Programme of Work 2010-2013

- » Visibility

- » R&D needs identification

- » Project definition

- » Projets' Implementation

- » Dissemination and Workshops

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Implemented Projects & Cooperation Areas

- **Project XI/1 BUGWORKERS** - New tailor-made PHB-based nano-composites for high performance applications produced from environmentally friendly production routes – *EU funded project R&D based – Dissemination activities (Portugal and Netherlands)*
- **Project XI/2 ALGAECASCAD** - The biorefinery of Algae, a CASCADE approach – *Information Exchange and projects' definitions for R&D implementation (Portugal, Belgium)*
- **Project XI/4** - Integrated Biofuel Production Processes, based on Systematic Optimization Methodologies (*Proposal of Portugal*)
- **Project XI/5** - Process Integration of Gasification-based Biorefineries (*Proposal of Sweden*)
- **Cooperation in the European “BioConSept” Project**, through the participation in the Advisory Group by the Annex Manager.

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Other Proposals for Projects & Cooperation Areas

– BioBlocks

- Bio-based products from ligno-cellulosic resources (glucose, xylose and lignin)

– NMC

- New added-value products from bleached *Eucalyptus globulus* kraft pulp (nanocelluloses and xylanes)

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Expected Results

- Evaluation of technological and economical options focusing on industry integrated biorefineries
- R&D projects on technology specific areas
 - Process Eng towards Biofuels and Biomaterials, including at nano scale
 - Process Integration
- Biorefinery concept with the integration of the capture of CO₂ for enhancing the growth of microalgae and/or other biomass species through process integration
- Sustainability and life cycle analysis

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Opportunity

Energy & Fuels

Bioproducts and biomaterials

PRODUCTION

Motivation of industry

R&D needs

Multi-disciplinary collaboration

Financing

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Work Plan & Orientation

- Execution of ongoing projects
- Joint initiatives with other Platforms
- Information Exchange
- RD&T joint implementation within the scope of Tasks

The real challenge and the driver of the R&D work implemented so far and foreseen in the future, is related to the integration of different processes, leading to fuels and high-added value bio-products using cheap resources, guarantying the feedstock availability for energy efficient decentralized applications.

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Collaboration

- International Cooperation with other Implementing Agreements, combining the knowledge of industrial technologies with energy efficiency, and the biomass conversion processes...
- Providing a global forum to exchange information, disseminate knowledge gained and lessons learned, in an atmosphere that promotes interaction and collaboration
- Encouraging participants to engage in truly collaborative, value-adding research and development activities and to promote demonstrations
- Focusing the research efforts by regularly updating a prioritized list of research needs and knowledge gaps
- Involving industry and communicating progress

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Conclusions

- Fully integrated biorefineries in industry needs, a strong collaboration between groups of different disciplines and industrial companies.
- International cooperation will provide expertise in different fields in a cost effective manner and could also provide different challenges for development.

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