

Panel: Competition for biomass

Fanny-Pomme Langué

AEBIOM Bioenergy Conference

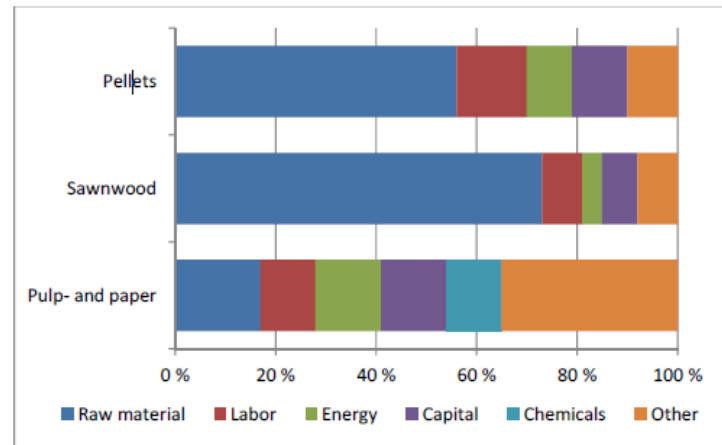
12 May 2014



Competition of uses?

- Bioenergy = new recent possible use of the biomass resource
- Raw material use for biomass in Europe: residues and low quality roundwood
- Competition = more value to co-products
- In some cases, there can be a competition between different uses
- Cost of raw material for bioenergy = more than 50% of total biomass production costs.
- Competition of uses debate focused on the responsibility of the bioenergy sector. The wood products markets are more complex

Examples of Cost Structures in Different Forest Industry Sectors



Note: Cost structure of the average European producer



Several concepts mixed in one debate ?

Support schemes, resource efficiency, cascade principle: all mixed

Support schemes to bioenergy = impact on competition?

- Support schemes objective = reach EU climate and energy goals including reducing GHG emissions and decreasing EU fossil energy dependence (NB: subsidies to fossil fuels still in place)
- A large part of biomass uses do not receive incentives
- For each type of biomass, there is not always several uses
- AEBIOM open to discussions on support schemes

Resource efficiency

- Must be supported for all types of resources
- Bioenergy is part of the bio based economy and can be a solution to the efficient use of the bio resource
- Definition on cascading? An EU law with cascade as a binding principle is not the solution



Thank you for your attention!

Fanny-Pomme Langué

Fanny.langué@aebiom.org

www.aebiom.org

