

BioGrace Newsletter #12 – February 2015

The project BioGrace aims at harmonising bioenergy greenhouse gas calculations (GHG) in Europe and is supported by Intelligent Energy Europe. BioGrace (I) (Contract No: IEE/09/736/SI2.558249) ran from 2010 to 2012 and dealt with liquid biofuels, BioGrace-II runs from 2012 to end of March 2015 and deals with electricity, heating and cooling from biomass (Contract number: IEE/11/733/SI2.616371).

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❖ 3rd Public Workshop – agenda is out now

The 3rd Public Workshop will take place in Brussels on March 4 2015. Location will be the Leopold Hotel. The programme is based on results of a questionnaire that was filled out by persons interested to attend the workshop. Agenda points are

- Policy update on sustainability criteria on solid biomass
- The BioGrace-II GHG calculation tool – general
- The BioGrace-II GHG calculation tool – details and case study on biogas
- Interactive session – demonstration of the tool based on questions by workshop participants

The detailed agenda is available and registration is possible at

<http://www.biograce.net/app/webroot/biograce2/content/workshops/publicworkshopregistrationform>

The participation is free of charge.

❖ Version 3 of BioGrace-II tool to be published end of March

The BioGrace-II consortium is preparing to publish version 3 of the BioGrace-II tool by the end of next March. In this version 3 we expect to have a few updates and improvements as compared to version 2. We would appreciate to receive suggestions for further improvement. If you have any comments or suggestions on the current version 2, then please let us know through info@BioGrace.net.

❖ Version 4d of the BioGrace-I tool under development

Since version 4c of the BioGrace GHG calculation tool for biofuels (the “BioGrace-I” tool) was published in June 2013, it has not been updated. We learned though that some minor points of this tool can be improved and therefore started to work on implementing these points. Depending on feedback from the Commission – as the BioGrace-I tool is a recognised voluntary scheme – we expect to publish a version 4d of the BioGrace-I tool in the next months.

With version 4d, the scheme ownership will be taken over by the Institute for Energy and Environmental Research (IFEU) in Heidelberg/ Germany. IFEU is one of the partners in the BioGrace project consortium.

If you are interested to learn about (or possibly comment on) the changes that we are preparing, then please contact us at info@BioGrace.net.

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