

SRCplus - BACKGROUND

Short rotation crops (SRCs) such as willow, poplar, robinia and others are woody, perennial fast growing tree species that can either re-grow (coppice) or be replanted after harvest. They are an excellent alternative to annual energy crops and can be complementary to the existing agricultural system. Aside from being used for energy production, the cultivation of SRC has many benefits compared to annual crops.

The countries in Europe that have currently the largest areas of SRC for energy are Sweden, UK and Poland. However, in other European countries the production of SRC is limited and takes place at very small scale. Therefore, there is a need to implement actions triggering and accompanying the implementation of local supply chains of SRC in other European countries.



SRCplus - OBJECTIVES



Solid biomass from SRC can contribute significantly to reaching the 2020 bioenergy targets. The SRCplus project aims to support and speed-up the development of local supply chains of SRC. This will be reached by implementing 68 capacity building events for farmers, public land owners and

small and medium users of woodchips. In addition, regional mobilization actions and cooperation activities with the industry will be implemented. Finally, sustainable practices in the SRC supply chains will be promoted in order to highlight the environmental benefits of SRC in comparison to other (annual) crops.

SRCplus – TARGET REGIONS

In the SRCplus project SRC plantations are promoted in seven European regions.

- Achenal region (Germany)
- Eastern Croatia region
- Vidzeme region (Latvia)
- Rhone-Alps region (France)
- Zlin region (Czech Republic)
- Kentriki Makedonia region (Greece)
- Prespa region (Macedonia)



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SRC plantations for local supply chains and heat use



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