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Working Towards a Sustainable Future with Biomass Energy

The Irish Bioenergy Association (IrBEA)

IrBEA is the association representing the bioenergy industry on the island of Ireland. Our diverse membership includes: farmers and foresters, fuel suppliers, energy development companies, equipment manufacturers and suppliers, engineers, financiers and tax advisers, legal firms, consultants, planners, research organisations, local authorities, education and advisory bodies – anyone with an interest in the bioenergy industry. Governance and strategic oversight is provided by our CEO and Management Committee, with operational support from an Executive Team.



Why Join IrBEA?

Because we can:

- Influence policy makers, rules and regulation to develop bioenergy markets
- Engage in industry / public debate
- Help you network
- Share information and resources
- Offer Member discounts

Policy Development

The sheer quantity of new renewable energy policy means it can be almost impossible to keep on top of it all. IrBEA policy specialists, who are often leaders in their field, provide information to members on a daily basis to save them time and money. IrBEA'S various technology sector groups shape our work. For a brief introduction to these groups, please visit www.irbea.org. IrBEA regularly lobbies Government, its departments, their agencies and Parliamentarians, through policy development and pro-active campaigns. IrBEA has several cross-cutting groups that work closely with the IrBEA's technology and policy groups.

Securing action

We work collaboratively with Parliamentarians, NGOs, think tanks and others to secure political support at National and EU level.

Network

We provide numerous opportunities to network with other sector players through IrBEA Groups, annual conference, seminars, workshops, study tours, other special events and through digital platforms.

Information and Knowledge

Information and knowledge are keys to good decision making and for getting ahead in business. Through our weekly e-bulletin, monthly e-newsletter, social media and other digital alerts, plus member meetings we inform about market measures, consultations, trends and predictions, business opportunities, events, studies and other resources. Our website includes a Member section with an expanding array of material on specific themes.

Member Discounts

IrBEA members can benefit from discounts including attendance at technical and networking events, use of promotional material and listings in Members Directory and Yearbook.

IrBEA is a member of:



Schemes, Projects and Policies

The Wood Fuel Quality Assurance Scheme (WFQA)

The Wood Fuel Quality Assurance Scheme, established in 2009, sets quality standards in wood supply and promotes market confidence in wood fuels in Ireland. Administered by IrBEA and supported by the Department of Agriculture, the scheme assists consumers to purchase quality wood fuels sustainably produced in compliance with EU Timber Regulations, and which meet the supplier's product specifications. Using a WFQA wood fuel ensures matching the correct grade of wood fuel to the wood burning appliance, providing optimal efficiency and heating. www.wfqa.org

Support Scheme for Renewable Heat (SSRH)

The Irish Bioenergy Association welcomes the introduction of the long awaited Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) by the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment, Denis Naughten TD. An RHI scheme was first officially conceived as part of the Bioenergy strategy consultation in May 2013, and formally announced in the October 2014 Draft Bioenergy Plan but was never delivered. After much lobbying activities and design consultations by IrBEA and other players in the bioenergy sector in the interim, the biomass industry will now see an RHI scheme live in 2018. There will be new opportunities now to stimulate growth for those businesses in the biomass supply side and indeed the biomass technology provider of which we have many as members of the Irish Bioenergy Association. As well as helping to meet the EU heat targets of 12% (currently 6.8%) by 2020 it will play a role in reducing potential fines come 2020. The RHI will be named Support Scheme for Renewable Heat (SSRH) going forward.

Small Biogas Demonstration Project

This project aims to stimulate the deployment of innovative on-farm small-scale biogas production by providing support and a capital contribution to three demonstration projects. Research will assist in understanding how biogas can drive sustainability improvements at farm level.

ReDirect

IrBEA are partners in the ReDirect project which addresses the challenge of increasing the efficient use of natural resources and materials. Each year at least 34 million tonnes of residual biomass from the management of rural landscapes and urban greens in Northern Europe are wasted. The project aims to bridge this gap by bringing together biomass waste producers, industries and research organisations to develop new circular economy. The project will assess a number of feedstocks for their suitability to be pyrolysed and converted into biochar and activated carbon. There will be one full scale investment for a biochar at a biomass conversion centre in the city of Baden-Baden and 4 small scale conversion projects in other regions demonstrating new biomass-to-product value chains.



Membership of IrBEA

IrBEA have a four tiered membership structure, please get in touch if you would like more information on membership.

IrBEA Membership Options

- Headline Member
- Large Corporate
- Small & Medium Corporate (<10 bioenergy staff, <€0.5m bioenergy turnover)
- Individual Member

WFQA Membership Options

- Large Corporate
- Small & Medium Corporate (<10 bioenergy staff, <€0.5m bioenergy turnover)
- Individual Member

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