

ADDED VALUE OF COOPERATION IN BIOECONOMY RESEARCH – TWO YEARS PROGRESS OF THE BIOEAST INITIATIVE

BREAK OUT SESSION PRESENTATION

AgriForValor

**Cooperation for development of product chain based on secondary
forest biomass**

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Introduction to the network



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- H2020 (lifecycle: 01.03.2016 - 31.08.2018)
- 16 partners from 6 countries (Belgium, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Netherlands, Spain)

Activities

- Matching existing research results and good practices on valorization of biomass sidestreams from agriculture and forest with the specific needs of practitioners and hub potentials
- Support to (further) exploit promising research results
- Identifying new grass-roots ideas and support to develop business models
- Offering of a tailored mix of innovation support measures:
 - ⇒ Workshops & Trainings
 - ⇒ Mentorings & Coachings
 - ⇒ Online tools



Challenges

- Few examples for alternative use of secondary forest biomass
- Biomass used mostly for producing energy (3 biomass power plants)
- Lack of investment aids for businesses
- Weak connection between biomass producers and the academia sector
- Lack of intermediate parties (private sector - investors, innovation agencies)
- Ecological aspects



Good examples

- Thermal insulation panel made of tree bark (University of Sopron, pasztory.zoltan@uni-sopron.hu)
- Cheap raw material – product with many advantages (environment consciousness, usage of natural raw materials, energy and CO2 save solutions, recycling, cascading use of raw materials)
- Innovation Partnership Group was founded for promoting the product (University of Sopron, Zala County Foundation for Enterprise Promotion, NARIC Forest Research Institute)

