

70+ EU companies and organisations call on the European Parliament to enable the efficient and circular use of woody biomass residues

Brussels, 30 November 2022 – More than 30 additional signatories endorsed the declaration issued on the 10th of November, bringing the total number of supporters to over 70 European organisations, companies and utilities.

Ahead of the technical trilogue on Friday 2nd of December, the signatories renewed their concerns that the European Parliament’s proposal for a new definition of “primary woody biomass” in REDIII would prevent the efficient and circular use of woody biomass residues and put EU energy security at risk. Bioenergy and, in particular, woody biomass are Europe’s most prominent local and sustainable energy source, it represents 10% of the total energy we consume, with over 96% of biomass produced domestically.

The undersigned companies, local authorities and utilities have renewed their support for ambitious sustainability criteria, which include prioritising biomass uses for high-efficiency cogeneration, and supplying efficient district heating and industrial applications. However, they point out that the European Parliament’s current definition does not reflect the reality of sustainable forest management and bioenergy. Rather than promoting a sustainable and resilient framework, it prevents the use of circular and sustainable wood resources, threatening the future of a sector which is critical to decarbonising and ensuring energy security for many cities and rural areas across Europe.

Full document: [Joint stakeholder statement on woody biomass](#)

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