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Implementing Advanced Concepts for Biological Utilization of Waste



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## BIOMASS POTENTIAL AND CHALLENGES ITS UTILIZATION IN NORTH EUROPE AND GLOBALLY

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#### INTRODUCTION

- Global biomass potential is huge and its usage will increase dramatically in becoming years
- World population in 2014 was 7.2 billion and is expected to increase close to 10 billion by 2050
- Global warming
- Non food and waste biomass utilization is seeing as one of the solutions for global challenges
- How much of this non food biomass could be utilized in sustainability point of view?





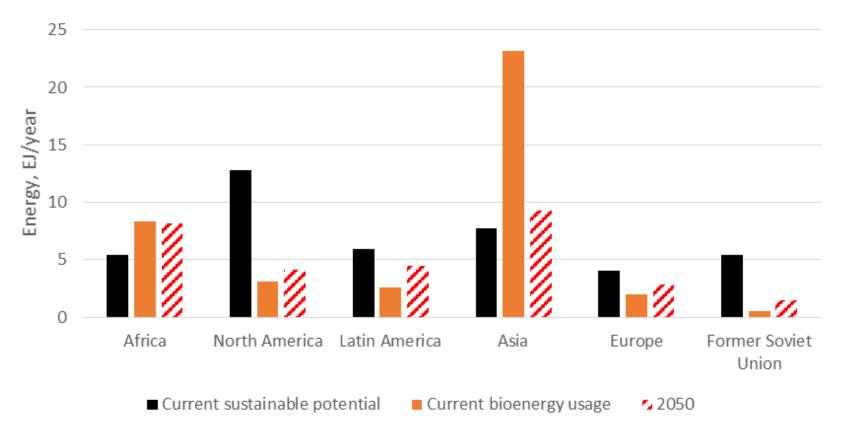
#### GLOBAL BIOMASS ENERGY POTENTIAL

- It was estimated that current sustainable global bioenergy potential is 104 EJ/year. [1]
  - o 72 000 times annual energy consumption in Finland.
  - o 1 EJ = 278 000 TWh.
  - Bioenergy usage is still 38 % of sustainable energy potential.
  - Current average global energy consumption is about 490EJ/year.
- Global scenarios predict bioenergy potential from 120 EJ/year to 210 EJ/year By 2050 [2].





#### FOREST BIOMASS POTENTIAL & USAGE



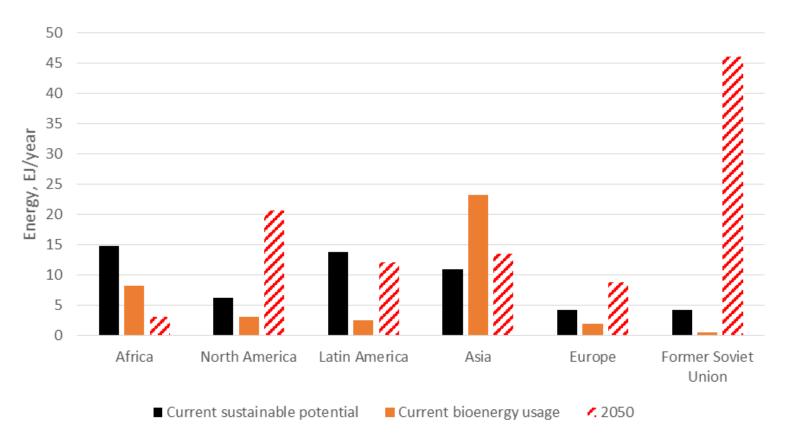
- Current global sustainable forest biomass energy potential is about 42 EJ/year.
- It is predicted that global forest biomass potential can be 30 EJ/year by 2050.



Current sustainable potential & usage: Matti Parikka. Global biomass fuel resources. Biomass & Bioenergy. 2050: VTT Energy Visions 2050.



#### AGRO BIOMASS POTENTIAL & USAGE

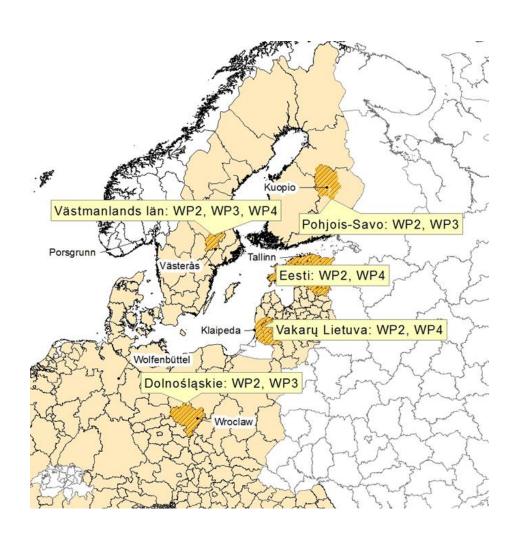


- Current global sustainable agro biomass potential is about 54 EJ/year.
- It is predicted that global agro biomass potential can be 104 EJ/year by 2050.





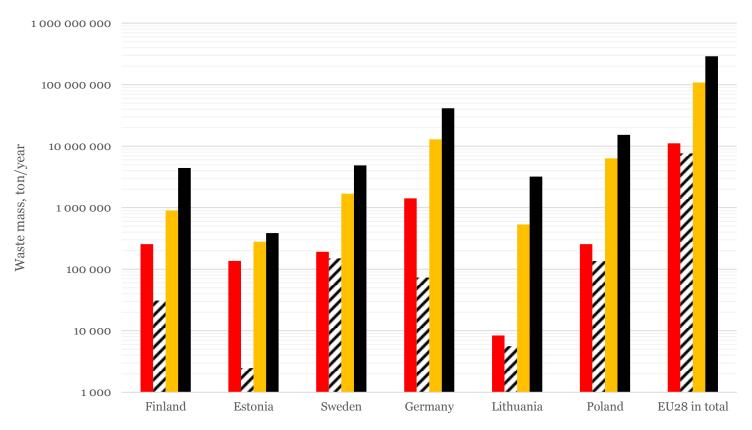
#### ABOWE PROJECT TARGET COUNTRIES







#### SELECTED WASTE POTENTIALS IN ABOWE COUNTRIES IN 2010



- Industrial effluent sludges
- ☐ Sludges and liquid wastes from waste treatment
- Animal and vegetal wastes (subtotal, Wo91+Wo92+Wo93)
- Mixed ordinary wastes (subtotal, W101+W102+W103)





#### BIODEGRADABLE WASTE UTILIZATION

- Waste properties for utilization
- Regulations that have effect on waste utilization consider:
  - Waste management
  - Environment protection
  - Sustainability
  - Finance policy
- How much waste can actually be utilized?





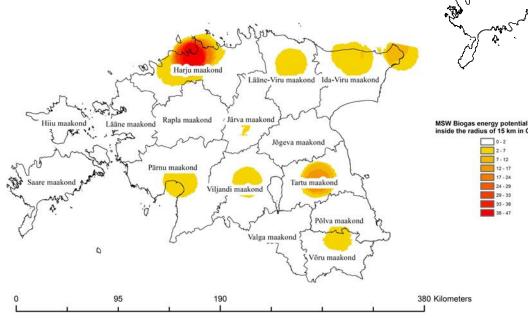
#### EXAMPLE, UTILIZATION OF HOUSEHOLD BIOWASTE (1)

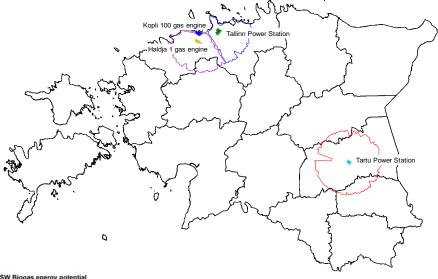
#### Case: Estonia

Operational income is to be positive

#### Biowaste spatially distributed of 39 kt/year

Biomethane potential:35 GWh/year





#### Could be utilized: 19 kt/year

Electricity: 6 GWh/year

Heat: 6.5 GWh/year





#### EXAMPLE, UTILIZATION OF HOUSEHOLD BIOWASTE (2)

#### **Case: Estonia**

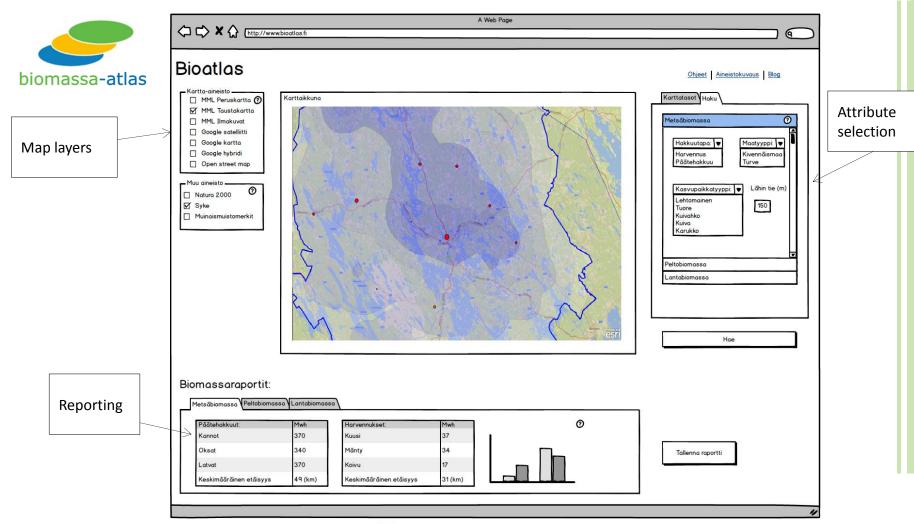
Closest heating plant	Tallinn Power Station	Tartu Power Station	Haldja 1 gas engine	Kopli 100 gas engine
Household biowaste, kt/year	5.7	4.1	6.3	3.2
Nitrogen potential, t/year	37	27	41	21
Phosphorus potential, t/year	7.5	5.4	8.3	4.2
Reactor volume, m <sup>3</sup>	320	233	353	179
Sales:				
Electricity, GWh/year	1.8	1.3	2.0	1.0
Heat, GWh/year	1.9	1.4	2.1	1.1
Nitrogen fertilizer, k€/year	12,1	8.8	13,4	6.8
Electricity sales, k€/year	210	150	230	120
Heat sales, k€/year	110	80	120	60
Gate fees, k€/year	8.5	6.2	9.4	4.8
Incomes in total, k€/year	340	240	370	190
Overall costs, k€/year (inc. Operational &				
investment)	150	120	170	80
Digestate spread & transportation, k€/year	3.6	1.9	4.8	3.0
Feedstock transportation, k€/year	49	46	61	15
Plant costs, k€/year	97	75	105	61
Operational income, k€/year	190	120	200	110
Labor demands (160 hour/month)				
Plant site, man months/year	6.4	5.1	6.9	4.2
Feedstock transportations, man months/year	32	31	40	10
Digestate spread & transportation, man				
months/year	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.4
Labor demands in total, man months/year	39	36	48	15
Labor demands in total, in men	3	3	4	1
Saved GHG emissions in ETS, CO <sub>2</sub> t	1 000	700	1 100	600





#### BIOMASS ATLAS, FINLAND



















#### **OUTLOOK FOR BIOMASS POTENTIAL UTILIZATION**

- Trends in biomass potential utilization:
  - Land use change from forest to agriculture
  - Due to climate change some regions cannot be suitable for agriculture
  - Accumulation of pollutants to air, water and biomass
- Need for biomass information tools:
  - End user friendly tools to estimate biomass potentials
  - Better quality data
  - Thanks to inspire directive, biomass data related information applications are increasing





Thanks for your attention!

