



Bioliquids-CHP

Power generation from Biomass

Introduction to the project and symposium

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Project background and philosophy

- CHP is an efficient way of using energy sources
- EC target for CHP: 18% of 2020 EU27 energy supply (up from 10%)
- In Russia, many CHP units are used in particular in remote areas.
- Implementation of small-scale, direct biomass CHP systems (100-1000 kW_e) has been limited for different reasons including high investment and running costs, poor reliability, low acceptance by end-user.
- At the root of these reasons: contaminants in biomass, non-uniform appearance of biomass, low energy density, complicated operation, difficulty to operate on varying load
- Using biomass-derived liquids instead of direct biomass can break down main barriers hindering a wider use of biomass in small-scale CHP systems



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Project objectives

- > **Strategic objective:**
 - Strategic research cooperation between EU and Russia, focusing on the development of technology and equipment for energy generation from biomass
- > **Technical objective:**
 - To adapt engines/turbines to enable operation on a variety of biomass-based liquid fuels, including pyrolysis liquids

Liquid biofuels considered: fast pyrolysis oil, biodiesel, vegetable oil, blends and emulsions.



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Specific objectives

- To modify or upgrade bioliquids to enable their use in engines and turbines;
- To find a technical and economic optimum between fuel upgrading and engine/turbine modification;
- To develop methods/techniques to control exhaust emissions;
- To evaluate the complete chain (sustainability, economics, technology, environment, market opportunities) for application in EU and Russia



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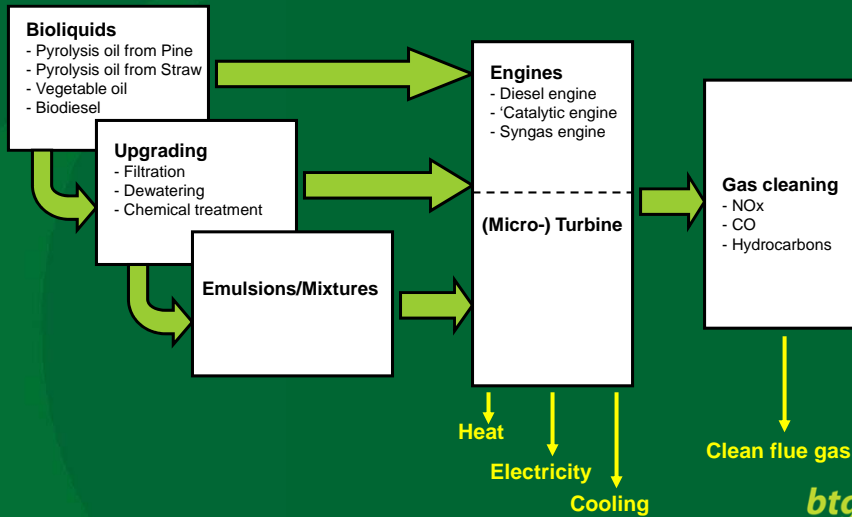
Project consortium

- > BTG Biomass Technology Group BV (NL)
- > EnConTech BV (NL)
- > University of Florence, C.R.E.A.R. (Italy)
- > Boreskov Institute of Catalysis, Siberian Branch of Russian Academy of Sciences (Russia)
- > Federal State Unitary Enterprise 'Central Scientific Research Automobile and Automotive Engines Institute' - FSUE 'NAMI' (Russia)
- > Aston University (United Kingdom)
- > The Likhachev Plant (AMO ZIL) (Russia)



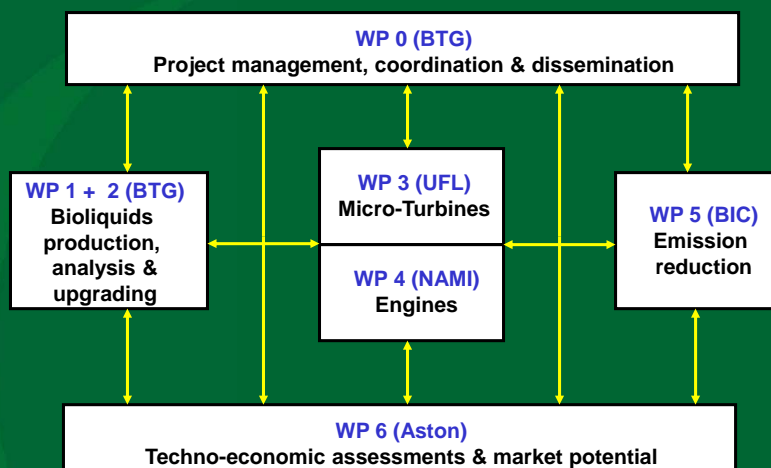
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General overview



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Work packages



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Joint activities

- **Emission Catalysts:** catalysts for upgrading PO and for NO_x reduction, developed by BIC, were tested by NAMI
- **Pyrolysis Oil Blends:** a method for blending of PO and biodiesel with bio-alcohols, developed by Aston, was evaluated by BTG and Florence
- **Round Robin** to establish and compare the basic fuel properties of vegetable oil, biodiesel and PO
- **Training Materials** targeted at Masters students
- **Promotion and Dissemination:** production and distribution of promotional materials in English & Russian



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Targeted impacts

- Increase in electricity production from biomass by reducing bioliquids production prices and by improving bioliquids quality.
- Reduction of costs of electricity production from biomass.
- Optimisation of the engine-bioliquid fuel combination
- Adaptation of existing technologies (bioliquid production, engines and CHP-units) with a view to optimise the engine-fuel combination
- Improvement of the environment, the quality of life, health and safety.



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Symposium on using bioliqids in engines and turbines in CHP applications

Tuesday 8 November 2011
Tuscany Regional Office, Rond Point Schuman 14, 1040 Brussels

4 sessions with presentations from consortium partners and external speakers on:

- Session 1: Programmatic setting of the project
- Session 1: Liquid biofuel preparation, characterisation and upgrading
- Session 2 & 3: Engine and turbine modification (and development) for use with liquid biofuels
- Session 4: Exhaust emissions control
- Session 4: Assessment of economics and markets



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