

# Dendromass 4 Europe

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Securing Sustainable Dendromass Production with **Poplar Plantations** in European Rural Areas





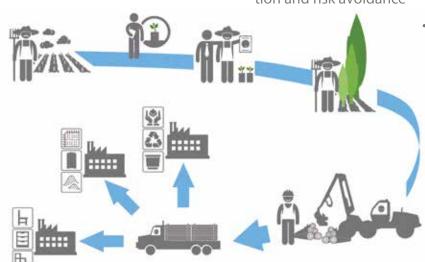
## About the project



Dendromass4Europe aims at establishing sustainable, Short Rotation Coppice (SRC)-based, regional cropping systems for agricultural dendromass production on marginal land.

The dendromass produced in SRC (ligneous biomass, bark and wood) will be supplied to dedicated biobased value chains which will create additional job opportunities in rural areas.

The supply chains will be tailored for optimum efficiency of supply logistics and for reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Innovative biobased materials will help to replace fossilbased materials.



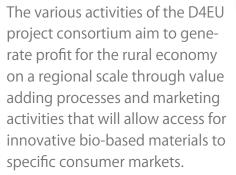


## **Objectives**

- Establishment and expansion of 2500 ha of short rotation poplar plantations on marginal or on currently unused agricultural land in rural areas
- Demonstration of the market introduction and the application of 4 New Bio-Based Materials (NBBM) linked to the establishment of 4 new bio-based value chains based upon separately adding higher value to the wood and the bark of the poplars
- Reduction of dendromass costs through the adaptation and optimisation of innovative harvesting and storage systems
- Implementation of dedicated monitoring and applied-level research to ensure plantation quality, production stability, optimum poplar variety selection and risk avoidance

Validation of the expected positive ecological impacts by assessing the life cycles of the NBBMs along the value chains (life cycle assessment)

### **New bio-based materials**





Moreover, three bark-based materials are planned: an ecofungicidal moulded fibre pulp for packaging; bark enriched wood-plastic composite profiles and bark enriched wood-plastic composite granulates.











