

New Short Film: Tackling the Climate Crisis with Help from Forests

Brussels, 6 February 2023 – Bioenergy Europe welcomes the new short film released by the Austrian Biomass Association on the important role of sustainably managed forests in tackling the climate crisis.

The [film](#) premiered at the 7th Central European Biomass Conference in Graz. *It shows how sustainable forest management, climate protection, timber construction and the energy transition are all interconnected, and how we can jointly phase-out oil, natural gas and coal*, explains **Franz Titschenbacher**, President of the [Austrian Biomass Association](#).

Sustainably used wood is climate protection

The challenge was the complexity of the topic and making it simple, clear and understandable. I think we succeeded quite well with this film, says **Matthias Heise**, screenwriter and managing director of the Schüller&Heise agency. Meteorologist, climate journalist and author **Andreas Jäger** was available as an interview partner for the film. *Wood – obtained ecologically and sustainably – is part of the solution to the climate crisis. The difference between the biogenic carbon cycle and the climate-destroying fossil carbon dead end street is at the heart of the film*, Jäger summarises.

Input was also provided by **Professor Ernst-Detlef Schulze** of the Max Planck Institute for Biogeochemistry and **Professor Hubert Röder** of the Weihenstephan-Triesdorf University of Applied Sciences who served as scientific advisors for the film.

Currently, there is a lot of misinformation going around on how forests, in particular their biomass, should or should not be used for energy. This film busts these myths and explains that our only way to effectively mitigate climate change is to stop using fossil fuels and rely on natural, renewable solutions. It's just common sense, states Bioenergy Europe's Secretary General **Jean-Marc Jossart**.

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The 6,5-minute-long animated film, very pleasant to watch, was released in German and English. Both versions are available for free to teachers, students and information platforms, and easily downloaded from the [homepage](#) of the Austrian Biomass Association.

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