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The project BioGrace aims at harmonising bioenergy greenhouse gas calculations (GHG) in Europe and is supported by Intelligent Energy Europe. BioGrace (I) (Contract No: IEE/09/736/SI2.558249) ran from 2010 to 2012 and dealt with liquid biofuels, BioGrace-II runs from 2012 to 2015 and deals with electricity, heating and cooling from biomass (Contract number: IEE/11/733/SI2.616371).

❖ EC recognises BioGrace GHG calculation tool as a voluntary scheme

The BioGrace consortium is pleased to inform you that the European Commission has recognised the BioGrace GHG calculation tool as a voluntary scheme in line with the sustainability criteria of the Renewable Energy Directive (RED) and the Fuel Quality Directive. The decision was published in the Official Journal of the European Union on June 1 2013.

The European Commission concluded that the "BioGrace GHG calculation tool" contains accurate data for the purposes of RED Article 17 (2) on greenhouse gas emission saving and complies with the methodological requirements laid down in RED Annex V. The recognition is based on RED Article 18 (4-6).

The BioGrace voluntary scheme is a comprehensive, user-friendly GHG calculator based on Excel, featuring unanimously defined standard values, detailed calculation rules, and a user manual. It is meant to be used in combination with other schemes, either national or voluntary, that cover the origin of raw materials and provide a mass balance system as well as requirements for verification.

All recognised schemes and their assessment reports are published on the DG Energy website of the European Commission.

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