



# Advanced Biomass Catalytic Conversion to Middle Distillates in Molten Salts

Acronym: ABC-Salt

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## **Project title:** Advanced Biomass Catalytic Conversion to Middle Distillates in Molten Salts

Project Acronym: **ABC-Salt** Project Number: **764089** Call: **H2020-LCE-06-2017** Topic: **Sustainable Fuels**

**Main Category of the Project:** Biofuels from lignocellulosic waste stream.

**TRL:** 2.

**Keywords:** Molten salts, Biomass liquefaction, Hydropyrolysis, Hydrodeoxygenation, Biofuels.

**Technological approach of the Project:** Experimental research supported by system modeling on technology, environmental and social impact. The technology concept will be demonstrated in an integrated bench scale unit.

**Expected Impact of the Project:** Accomplish TRL 4; create and pursue new, out-of-the-box innovative ideas, to improve the conversion efficiency for sustainable fuels.

**Contribution of the Project:** Develop novel integrated technology for the efficient conversion of lignocellulosic waste streams to middle distillates using a unique concept. The concept will be investigated using a holistic approach, involving research activities towards a sound scientific understanding of the individual conversion steps as well as optimized process integration.

**Highlights (technological):** Biomass liquefaction in pumpable molten salts.

**Highlights (non-technological):** Summer School 2019 for Ph.D. students  
"Advanced thermochemical biomass conversion technologies"

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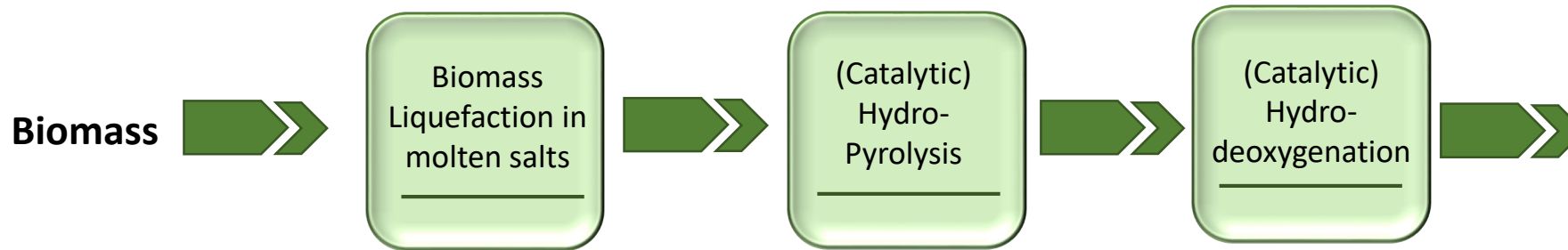
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## Project Objective

Development of a novel route at **TRL level 4** to produce sustainable liquid biofuels from various lignocellulosic waste streams for the transport industry targeting a hydrocarbon yield  $\geq 35$  wt.% (2/3 in the middle distillates range).

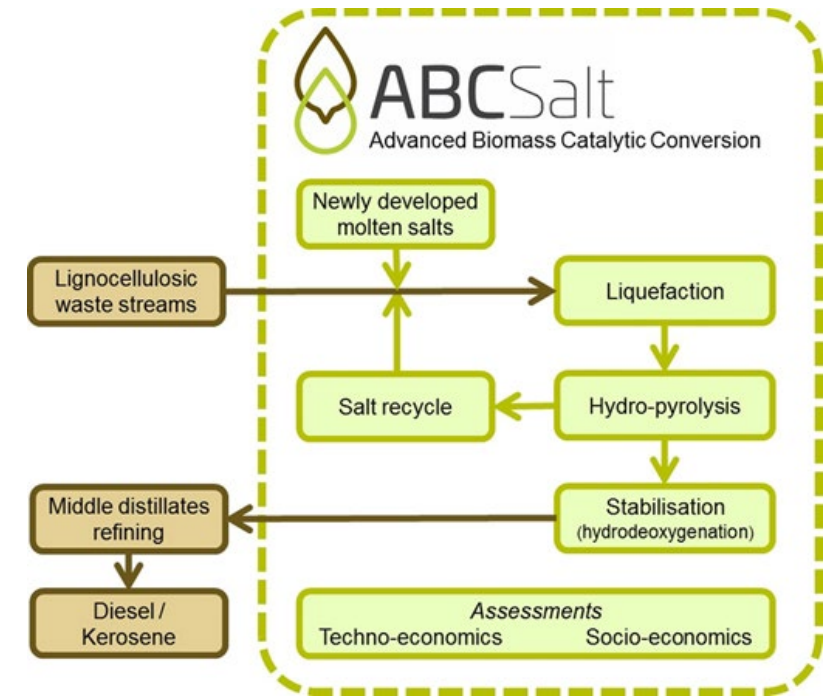
## Process Concept



**Step 1:** Dissolving biomass in novel media at ambient pressure and low temperature

**Step 2:** Vaporizing the biomass at elevated pressure and temperature

**Step 3:** Vapour-phase hydro-deoxygenation to produce middle distillates



# Summer School 2019

This year the ABC-Salt consortium is organising its first Summer School:

**“Advanced thermochemical biomass conversion technologies”**

**Birmingham (United Kingdom) - Aston University (Aston Conference)**

**12-14<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

**40 participants** (young researchers and professionals)

**Main topics and activities will include:**

- Introduction to thermochemical conversion technologies
- Overview to upgrading technologies of pyrolysis liquids
- Introduction on the use of molten salts in different thermochemical conversion technologies
- Applications, properties and standardisation of middle distillates
- Networking opportunities (mini-conference and poster presentations by Summer School attendees)
- Dedicated course - “Set up a project” (MSCA, ERASMUS or ERC) on how to successfully exploit Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme with winning proposals

 **ABC Salt SUMMER SCHOOL 2019**

## Advanced thermochemical biomass conversion technologies

**When?** 12-14<sup>th</sup> August 2019

**Where?** Aston University, Birmingham, United Kingdom

**Organised by** EU Horizon 2020 ABC-Salt Research Consortium

**Who may participate?**

Postgraduate Students (Master and PhD), post-doctoral and young professional scientists interested in advanced thermochemical conversion technologies in non-conventional media

**Topics and activities**

- Introduction to thermochemical conversion technologies
- Overview to upgrading technologies of pyrolysis liquids
- Introduction on the use of molten salts in different thermochemical conversion technologies
- Applications, properties and standardisation of middle distillates
- Dedicated course - “Set up a project” on how to successfully benefit from the Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme
- Networking opportunities

**Pre-registration enquires?**

Please send us an email: [abc-salt@aston.ac.uk](mailto:abc-salt@aston.ac.uk)

On-line registration (Summer School and accommodation) will be available from 10.06.2018 via [www.abc-salt.eu](http://www.abc-salt.eu) website.

**Cost**

There are no participation fees in the Summer School. We will host up to 40 participants. Lunches and refreshments (3 days), group dinner, academic materials and certificate of attendance will be provided to all participants.

Travel and accommodation costs are not included, however we will offer a discounted accommodation package (Conference Aston Hotel).



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**ADVANCEFUEL**

# **Paving the way towards clean energy and fuels in Europe**

**Advanced Biofuels and Renewable fuels**

Kristin Sternberg

FNR

Congress Center CCL Lisbon 29<sup>th</sup>  
May 2019

## OBJECTIVES

ADVANCEFUEL will generate **new knowledge, tools, standards and recommendations** aiming to overcome barriers to the commercialisation of advanced renewable transport fuels. Investigations will include the **entire value chain**, including

- (lignocellulosic-based) Biomass availability;
- Biofuels conversion processes and technologies;
- Advanced biofuels sustainability;
- End-use and social acceptance.

To build and validate their results, ADVANCEFUEL partners will **engage stakeholders** from the biofuels value-chain and support actors to participate in the project through consultations, dedicated workshops and the ADVANCEFUEL **Stakeholder Platform** ([www.advancefuel.eu](http://www.advancefuel.eu))



**ADVANCEFUEL**

**Duration:** 09/2017– 08/2020

**Funding:** Horizon 2020

**Partner countries:** DE, NL, BE, GB, SE, FI

Coordinator:



Coordination of scientific content:



**Imperial College  
London**



Project Acronym: **ADVANCEFUEL** Project Number:764799 Call: H2020-LCE-2017-RES-CSA

Topic: LCE-21-2017-Market uptake of renewable energy technology



Project title: Facilitating market roll-out of RESfuels in the transport sector to 2030 and beyond

**Main Category of the Project:** Removing Barriers to Renewable Transport Fuels **TRL: 6-9**

**Keywords:** Biomass supply, conversion and technology upscaling, sustainability, Market analysis, advanced liquid biofuels

**Technological approach of the Project:** Coordination & Support Action

**Expected Impact of the Project:** To increase the share of sustainable advanced biofuels and renewable alternative fuels in the final EU transport sector or facilitate those increases in the future. In addition, contribution to market understanding for possible policy and regulatory development is anticipated.

**Highlights (technological/non-technological):** Advanced biofuels Key Performance Indicators monitoring tool to follow the progress in biofuels' market uptake; Supply chain analysis tool, to assess the social, economic and environmental performances of biofuels supply chains; Technology assessment tool with a roadmap for development and innovation; Numerical tool for prediction of fuel performance and fuel blend properties.

ADVANCEFUEL addresses the whole value chain aiming at accelerating the market roll-out of RESfuels via four main guiding ideas: Engagement of key players during the development of supporting guidelines & tools, Support to decision makers by providing tools and recommendations based on validated R&I results, Modeling and assessment of useful scenarios and sensitivity analyses on the future of RESfuels, Communication displaying positive message on sustainability of RESfuels aiming to increase demand and public acceptance.

**What is needed in future:** The development of a set of innovative schemes and Best Practice scenarios that will be translated into a toolset, which is practicable for relevant stakeholders to assess the performance of different approaches for increasing the use of RESfuels. A complete overview of the possible future of RESfuels that includes impacts of innovation cases will also be established.

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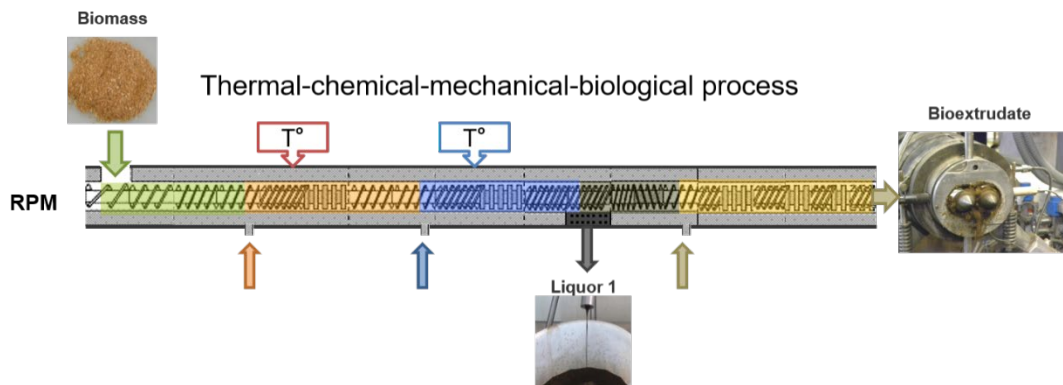


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Novel technological approach



## Working Groups



Development of new pretreatment and bioconversion processes (lab- and pilot-scale)



Valorisation of sub-products of the bio-ethanol production via Anaerobic Digestion



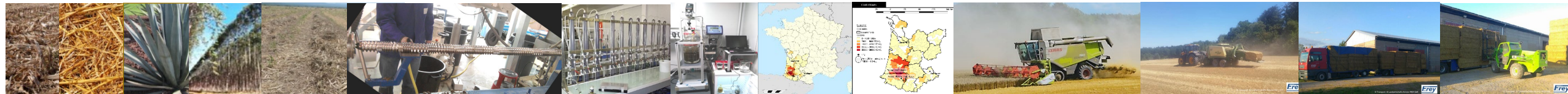
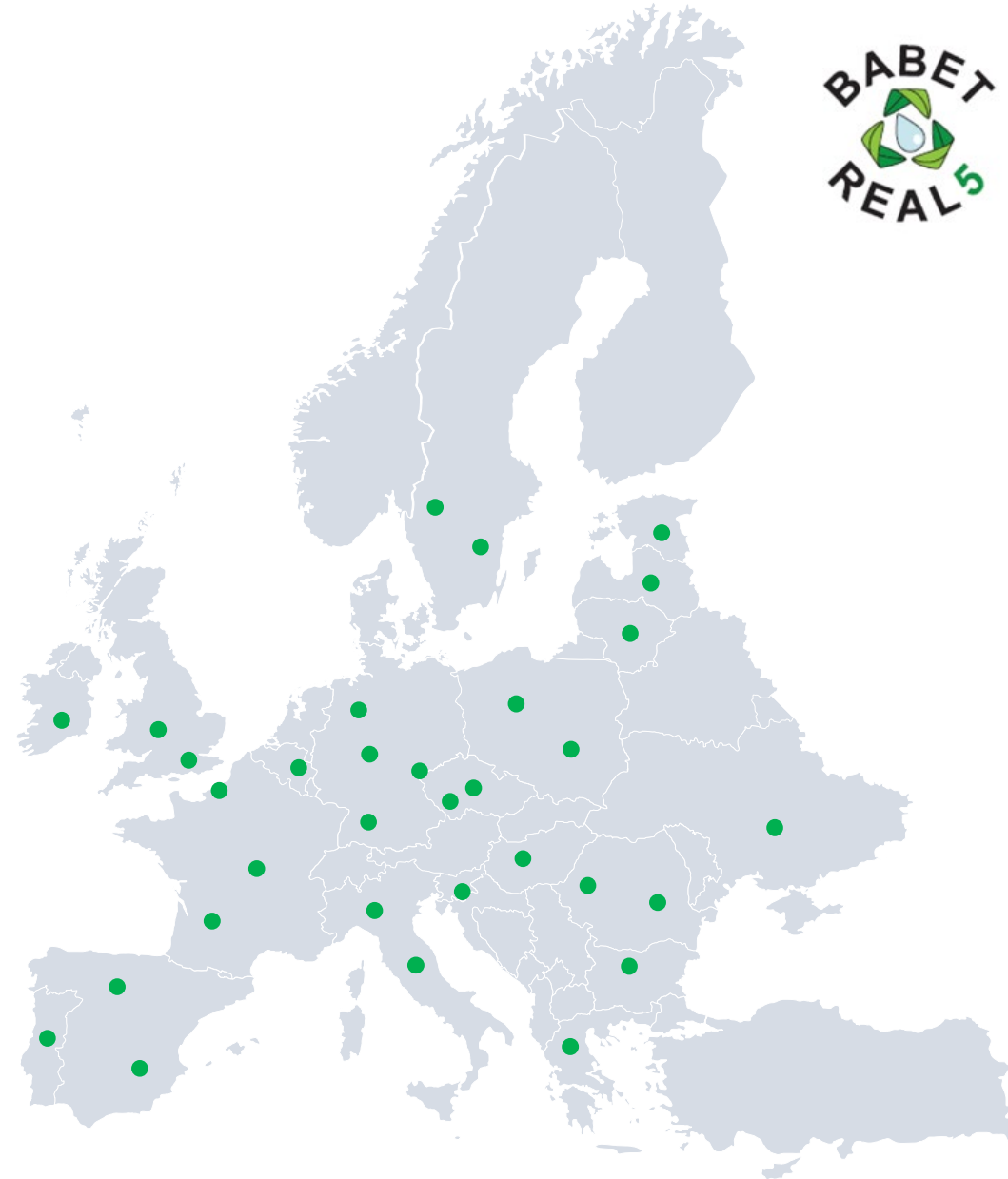
Techno-economical and ecologic evaluation of small-scale plant processing 30,000 t dm per year



Identification and selection of sustainable lignocellulosic biomass for business cases



Business case studies and elaboration of business plans in 4 countries: France, Germany, Argentina & Uruguay





Project Acronym: **BABET-REAL5** Project Number: 654365  
LCE-2015-1-two-stage Topic: Research and Innovation action

Call: H2020-LCE-2014-2015/H2020-

Project title: **New technology and strategy for a large and sustainable deployment of second generation biofuel in rural areas**

**Main Category of the Project:** Biofuel

**TRL:** 5

**Keywords:** Bioenergy, Transport biofuels, Biofuels

**Technological approach of the Project:** 2nd generation bioethanol production from a new biomass pretreatment technology and with a small-scale industrial plant business model

**Expected Impact of the Project:** Deployment of sustainable 2nd generation bioethanol plants in rural areas and achieve the targets for more advanced biofuel in the EU and worldwide

**Highlights (technological/non-technological):** high throughput and compact technology (2 steps from biomass pretreatment to fermentation); valorisation of the liquors (by-products) for the production of biomethane (100% of the organic matter converted to biofuel); lignocellulosic biomass feedstock investigation in 4 countries (Europe and South-America)

**What is needed in future:** technological progress, stable political conditions, realistic economical frameworks



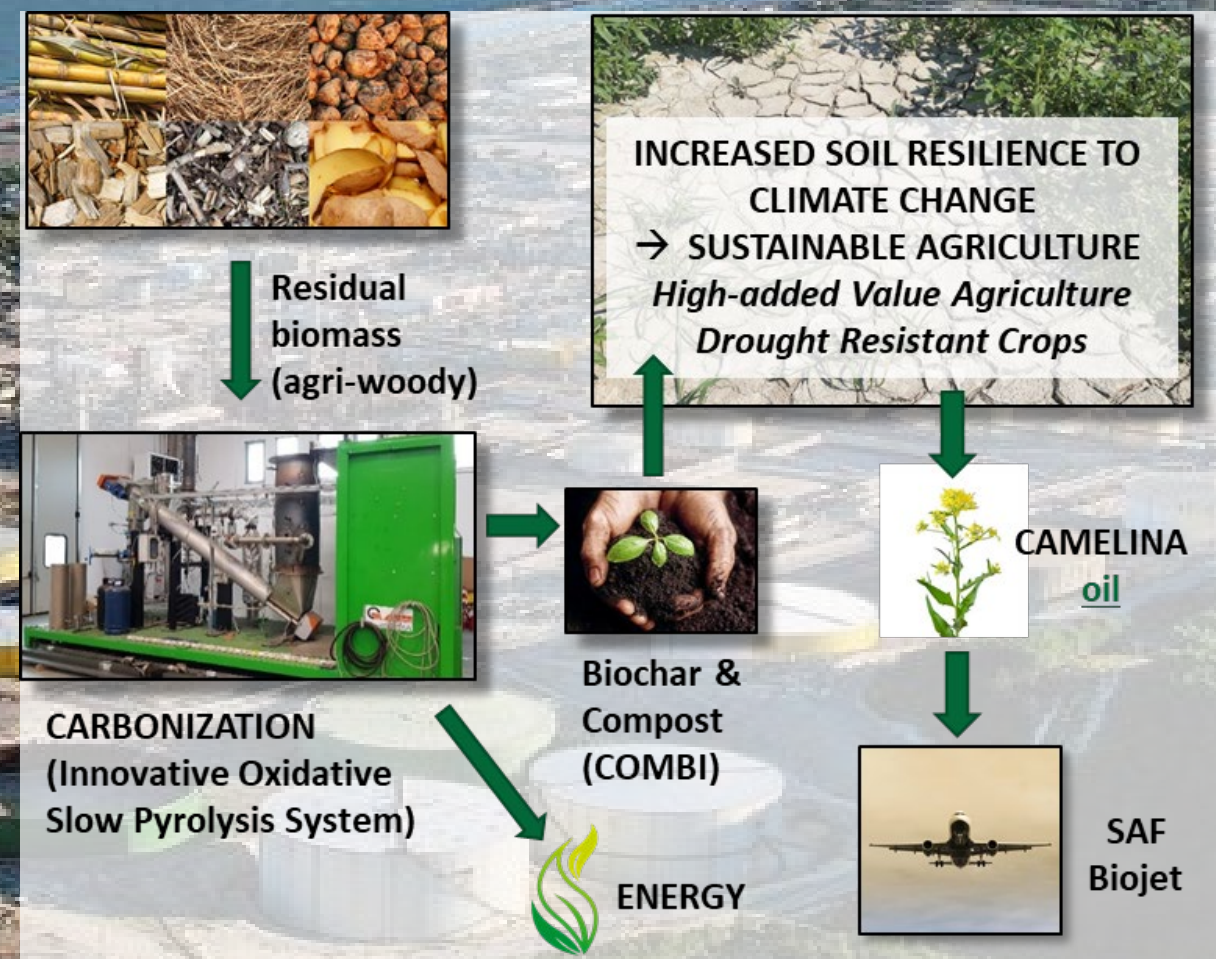
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**Residual lipids to SAF (Industrial scale)**



**Camelina oil from recovered EU MED marginal soil with biochar**



Project Acronym: **BIO4A**

Project Number: **789562**

Call: **LCE-20-2016-2017**

Topic: **Aviation Biofuels**

Project title: **Advanced sustainable BIOfuels for Aviation**

**Main Category of the Project: Biofuel**

**TRL: 6-7 (end of the project)**

**Keywords: Sustainable Aviation Biofuels, HEFA, Marginal Land, Biochar**

**Technological approach of the Project: 1) HEFA production at full commercial scale in new plant using residual lipids (UCO); 2) R&D on sustainable feedstocks in biochar-recovered EU MED marginal land for drought resistant crop production; 3) Test of the entire chain and logistic at industrial scale (5 kt), and assess environmental performances.**

**Expected Impact of the Project: respond to the EU FlightPath objectives** for commercial deployment of aviation biofuels and the **2 million tons** aviation biofuel target by 2020. **Positive energy and GHG balances.** Demonstrated industrial concepts ensuring the techno-economic feasibility of the entire value chain. Significant **social and economic** impact.

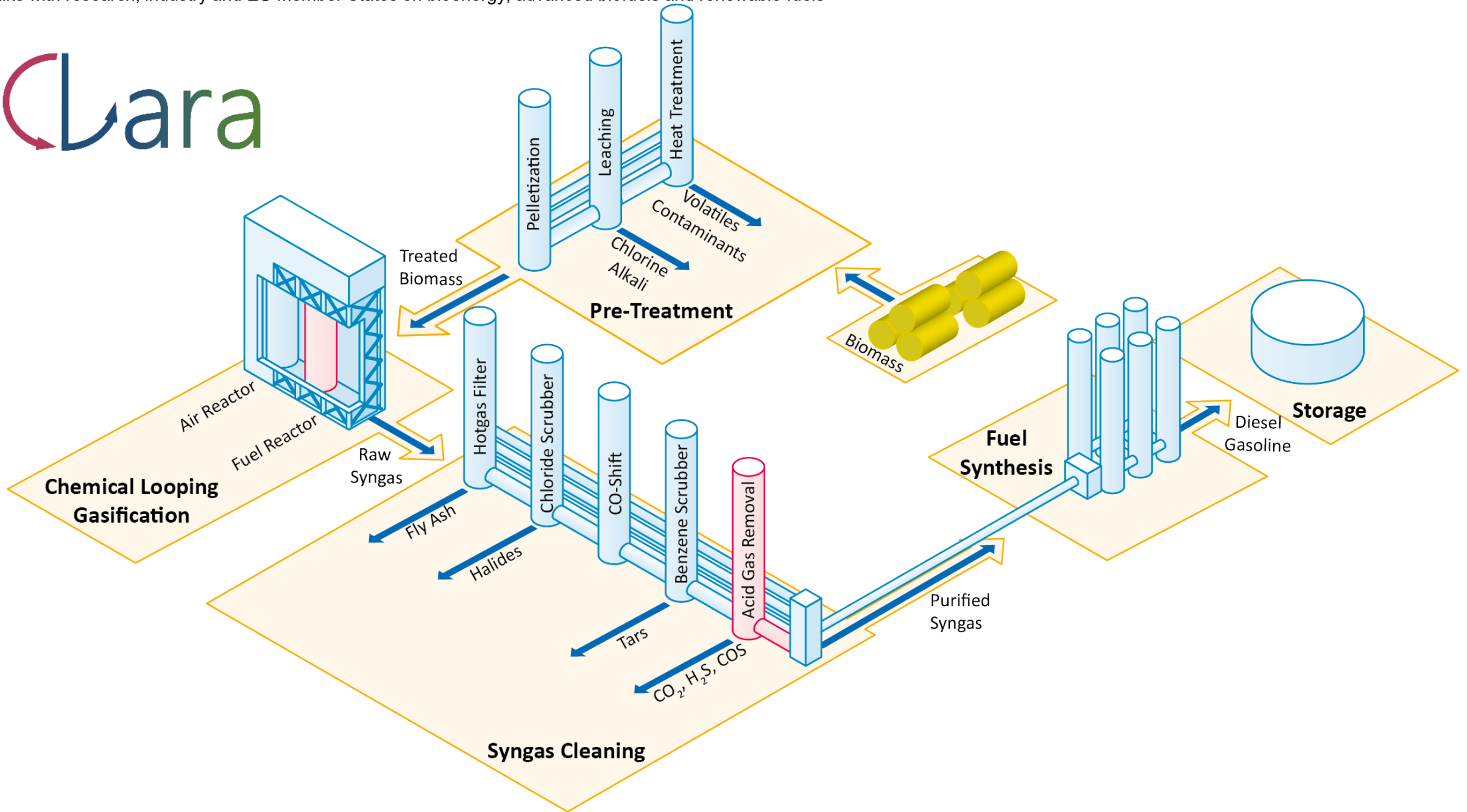
**Highlights (technological/non-technological): New Aviation Biofuel plant producing HEFA (hundreds thousands t/y capacity) in non-segregated mode, and use in commercial flights. Camelina production in EU MED marginal land recovered by biochar/compost addition and scenario analysis. Dedicated Dissemination, Communication and Exploitation action**

**What is needed in future: Supply of sustainable lipids, adequate and coordinated policies.**



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Project Acronym: CLARA

Project Number: SEP-210486610

Call: H2020-LC-SC3-2018-2019-2020

Topic: LC-SC3-RES-21-2018

Project title: Chemical Looping gasification for sustainable production of biofuels (CLARA)

**Main Category of the Project:** Biofuel

**TRL:** Current: 3, Project Goal: 5-6

**Keywords:** Chemical Looping Gasification (CLG), Syngas Purification, Full Process Chain, Pilot Scale (1 MW<sub>th</sub>)

**Technological approach of the Project:**

- develop and test selected innovative technologies:
  - > Chemical looping gasification of biomass in dual connected fluidized bed reactor system
  - > Syngas purification using a novel cleaning technology and subsequent fuel synthesis
- demonstrate and assess the full process chain of biofuel production in pilot scale (1 MW<sub>th</sub>)

**Expected Impact of the Project:**

- significant reduction in biofuel production costs compared to state-of-the-art technologies (0.70 €/L)
- alleviation of negative impacts on environment (e.g. GHG emission, pollution, land use)

**Highlights (technological/non-technological):**

- de-carbonization of fuel & chemical industry
- facilitation of net-negative CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (BECCS/U)

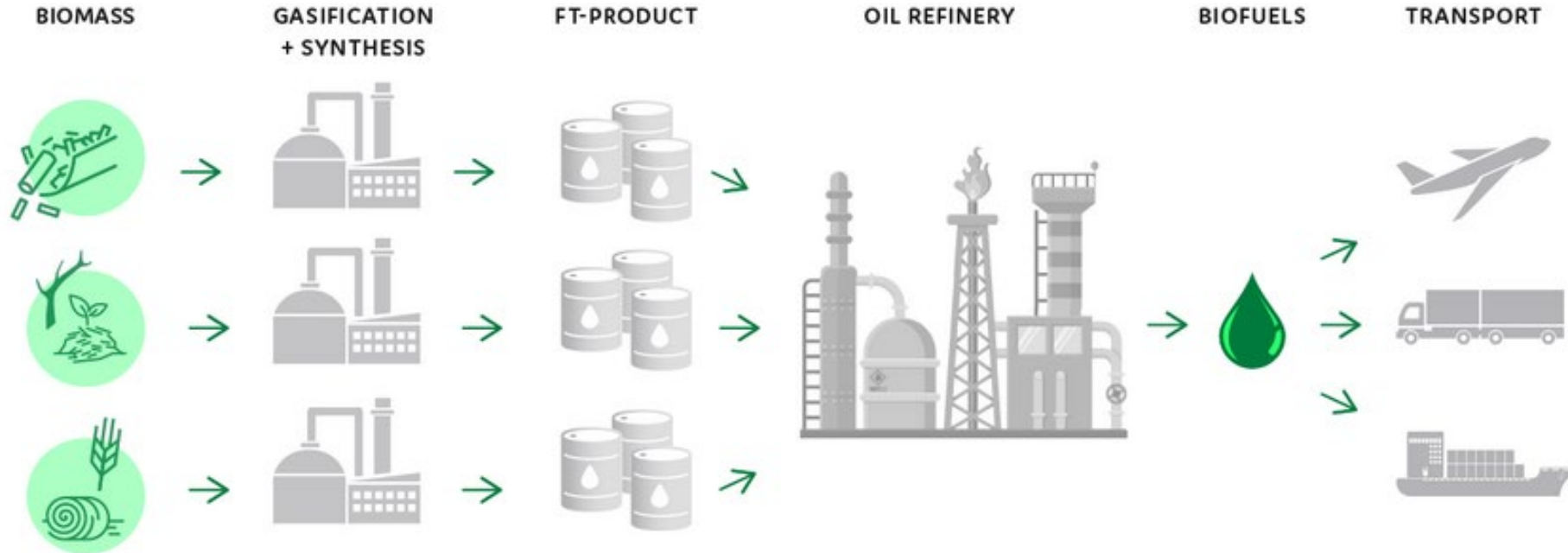
**What is needed in future:**

- political framework encouraging scale-up to industrial scale
- Full implementation in industrial scale



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# Compact Gasification and Synthesis process for Transport Fuels



Decentralized primary conversion of biomass in 30 – 150 MW units.

Technology development for primary conversion, Fischer-Tropsch synthesis and oil refinery feeding systems.

Target reduction of the biofuel production cost is up to 35% compared to alternative routes.

=> Less than 0.80 €/l production cost for diesel.

## PROJECT FACTS

2017 – 2021

7 partners

5.1 M€ budget

3 pilot campaigns from biomass to biofuels

~200 - 400 kg of biofuels produced for research and demonstration.

Project Acronym: **COMSYN** Project Number: **727476** Call: **H2020-LCE-2016-RES-CCS-RIA**  
Topic: **LCE-08-2016-2017 Development of next generation biofuel technologies**  
Project title: **Compact Gasification and Synthesis process for Transport Fuels**

**Main Category of the Project:** Biofuel

**TRL:** 4-5

**Keywords:** Biodiesel, biogasoline, biomass, gasification, gas cleaning, Fischer-Tropsch synthesis

**Technological approach of the Project:** Develop a concept for competitive bio-based fuels by means of a compact gasification and synthesis process. The concept is based on conversion of diverse biomass residues to liquid intermediate products at 30–150 MW (biomass feed) units located close to distributed biomass resources. Subsequent product upgrading in central refineries is investigated and designed for future roll out.

**Expected Impact of the Project:** Improvement of economic, environmental and social benefits of biofuels; optimization of energy and GHG balances; significant cost reduction; ensured secure and affordable energy supply using diversified, cheap feedstock; enhance Europe's competitiveness.

**Highlights (technological/non-technological):** The syngas cleaning efficiency is improved by developing filtration, reforming and sulfur removal technologies. The synthesis process utilizes an advanced Fischer-Tropsch reactor, specially designed for decentralized biofuel production.

**What is needed in future:** Renewable fuel technologies that are suitable for different European locations, biomass feedstocks and weather conditions. Technologies should be easy to implement into current systems to allow quick commercialization. Public funding is needed to cover the gap between TRL 6 and 8.



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# Compact Gasification and Synthesis

## Project tasks and responsibilities

### DFB PILOT @ VTT

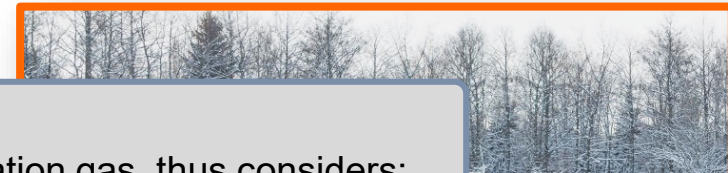


#### DFB Gasifier

- Finalized: 2015
- Biomass feed: ca. 50 kg/h
- Gasifier temperature: 750 – 820 °C
- Oxidizer temperature: ca. 900 °C
- Bed material: Dolomite/sand mixture



### MOBILE SYNTHESIS UNIT



#### Ultracleaning concept:

- Specifically for biomass-based gasification gas, thus considers:
  - Low to medium sulphur content
  - Residual hydrocarbons (tar)
- Wet scrubbing acid gas process
  - Simpler dry bed desulphurization
  - No removal of CO<sub>2</sub> or particulates
  - Pressure water scrubbing



#### Fischer-Tropsch microreactor\*:

- Compact and modular
- High efficiencies
- Load flexible



#### Product upgrading

- Co-processing of FT-waxes or
- Stand-alone treatment (incl. a new hydroisomerisation unit)



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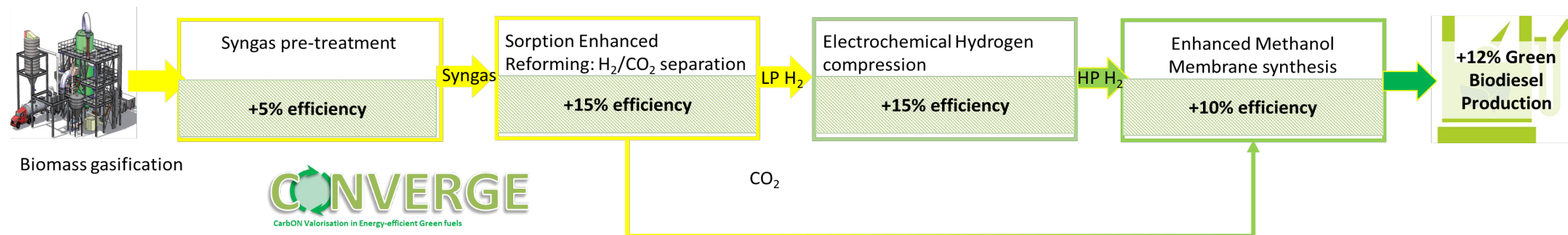


# CONVERGE

## CarbON Valorisation in Energy-efficient Green fuels

The CONVERGE project will validate an innovative process which will increase the biodiesel production by 12% per secondary biomass unit used and reduce the CAPEX by 10%

The CONVERGE technologies will be validated for more than 2000 cumulated hours taking these from the discovery stage (TRL3) to development stage (TRL5).



The project started 7 months ago on November 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 and will last for 42 months

Project Acronym: **CONVERGE** Project Number: **818135** Call: **LC-SC3-2018-RES** Topic: **LC-SC3-RES-21-2018**

Project title: CARBON VALORISATION IN ENERGIESEFFICIENT GREEN FUELS

**Main Category of the Project:** Biofuel

**TRL: 5**

**Keywords:** biodiesel, green methanol, CO2 negative emissions, process intensification

**Technological approach of the Project:** The CONVERGE project will demonstrate 5 unit operations in 3 grouped processing steps (pre-processing, valorization & enhanced methanol), taking these new combinations from the discovery stage (TRL3) to development stage (TRL5).

**Expected Impact of the Project:** The combination of these technologies will increase the biodiesel production from secondary biomass by 12% together with biodiesel production will be reduced by up to 2100 M€ across Europe.

**Highlights (technological/non-technological):**

Validation of the technologies for more than 2000 hours

Process optimization accounting for energy, economic, environmental and societal aspects.

Identification of the secondary biomass supply chain for four different geographical regions

**What is needed in future:** Higher TRL project and favorable regulatory framework



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# FLEXible Dimethyl ether production from biomass Gasification with sorption enhancED processes

## DEMONSTRATION AT TRL5:

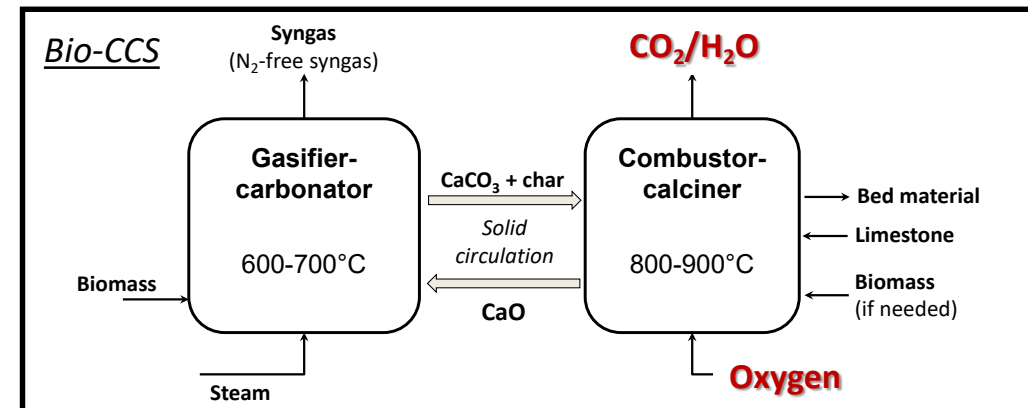
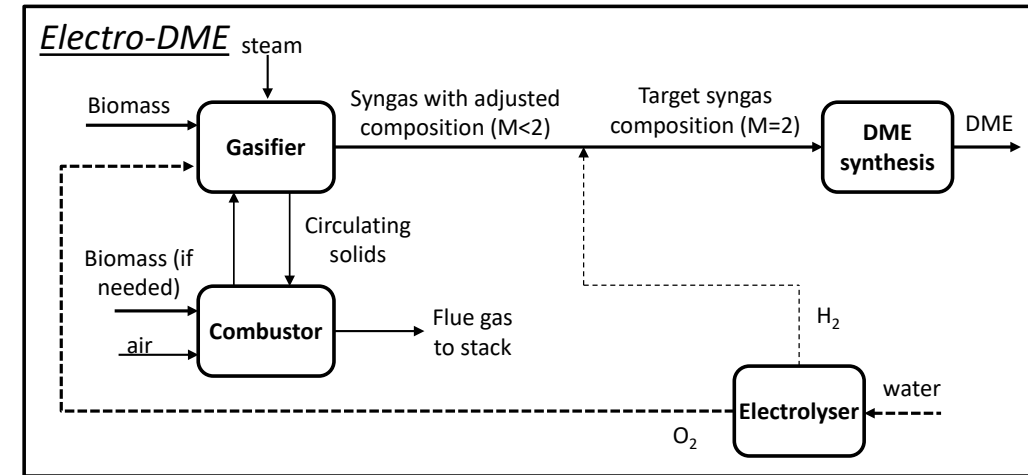
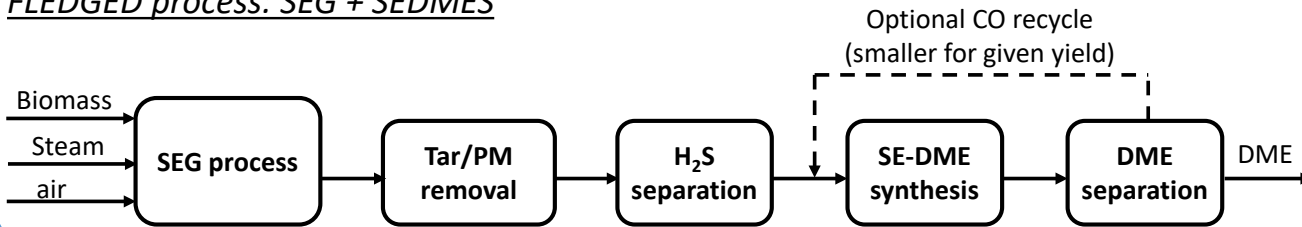
Flexible sorption enhanced gasification (SEG) process



Sorption enhanced DME synthesis (SEDMES) process

- Process intensification
- Efficiency improvements
- Cost reductions
- Process flexibility

### FLEDGED process: SEG + SEDMES



Project Acronym: **FLEDGED** Project Number: **727600** Call: LCE-2016-RES-CCS-RIA Topic: LCE-08-2016-17

Project title: **FLExible Dimethyl ether production from biomass Gasification with sorption enhancED processes**

**Main Category of the Project:** Biofuel

**TRL:** 5

**Keywords:** Gasification, DME, Flexibility, Power-to-X, Bio-CCS

**Technological approach of the Project:** FLEDGED project aims at developing sorption enhanced gasification (SEG) and sorption enhanced DME synthesis (SEDMES), leading to a new intensified process with high efficiency, improved flexibility and economically competitive.

**Expected Impact of the Project:** Decarbonization of the transport sector: provision of renewable transportation fuel with possible negative WTW CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (if coupled with CCS) and favoring diffusion of intermittent electric renewables thanks to power to liquid conversion (electrofuels).

**Highlights (technological/non-technological):**

- TRL5 demonstration of two key sorption-enhanced processes for biomass gasification and DME synthesis
- Overall process characterized by process intensification and flexibility in feedstock and operation.
- Thermodynamic and economic analysis, WTW LCA, risk analysis, socio-economic analysis.

**What is needed in future:** Large scale demonstration projects and favorable regulatory framework



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## Sustainable Jet Fuel from Flexible Waste Biomass



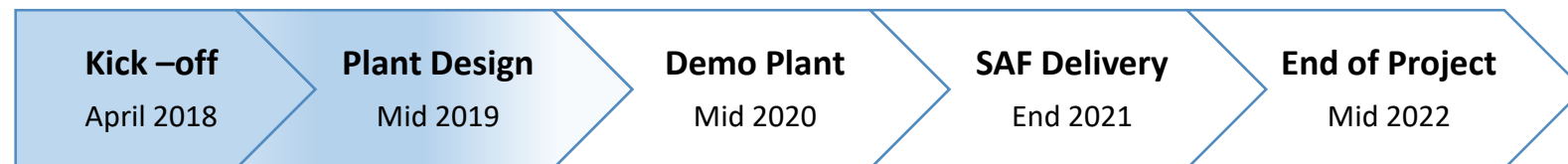
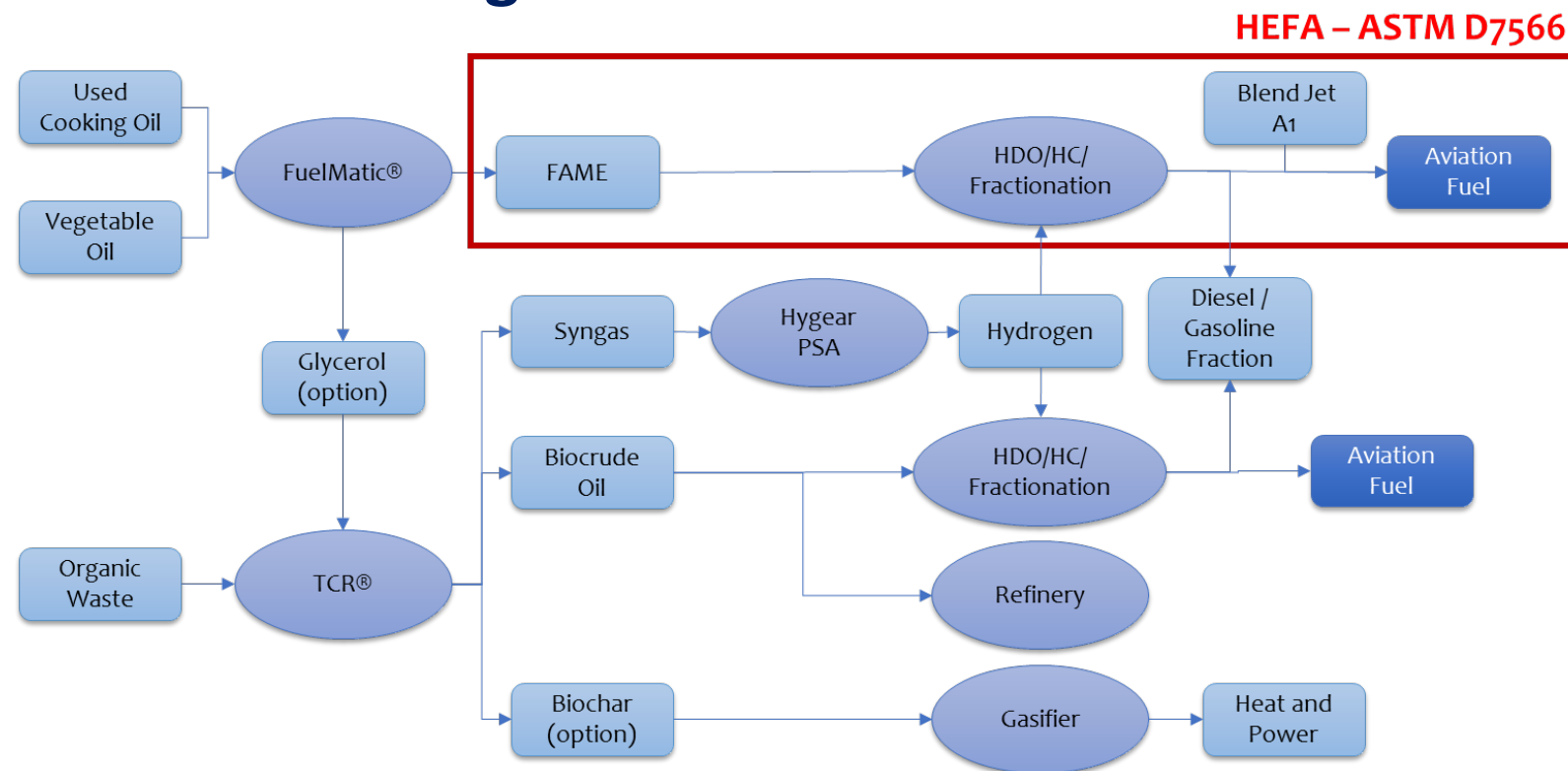
### Project overview

- Total costs: 15 M Euro
- EU financing: 10 M Euro
- H2020 LCE-20 Programme
- Duration: 48 Months (2018-2022)
- 13 partners from 5 EU countries

### Aim

To build a **pre-commercial demonstration plant** for the production of **SAF** derived from **food waste** and **waste vegetable oil** while mapping the full **economic, social and environmental** impact of the technology.

### Process Flow Diagram



Project Acronym: **flexJET**

Project Number: **792216**

Call: **H2020-LCE-2017-RES-IA**

Topic: **LCE-20-2016-2017** Enabling pre-commercial production of advanced aviation biofuel

Project title: **Sustainable Jet Fuel from Flexible Waste Biomass**

**Main Category of the Project:** Biofuel

**TRL:** 5-6

**Keywords:** Sustainable transport - general, Bioenergy, Transport biofuels, Fuel Production & Distribution

**Technological approach of the Project:** "Sustainable Aviation through Biofuel Refining" (SABR) process from Green Fuels Research (UCO to SAF) combined to the "Thermo-Catalytic Reforming" (TCR<sup>®</sup>) technology from Susteen Technologies (organic waste to biocrude oil, syngas and biochar). The hydrogen required for the refining steps will be separated from the syngas (an output of the TCR process) using a Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) from Hygear.

**Expected Impact of the Project:** To enable commercial availability of jet fuel at large scale, producing fossil jet fuel substitute at a competitive cost in accordance to the international standards (ASTM).

Plant demonstration scale by 2020 and SAF produced by 2022.

Direct Impacts: GHG reduction, destination for waste biomass and UCO, decarbonisation of different sectors, jobs creation, innovation potential.

**Highlights (technological/non-technological):** High feedstock flexibility, green Hydrogen, side and end products flexibility, highly scalable (small scale decentralised facilities can be built), it can be integrated into existing infrastructure.

**What is needed in future:** Testing other feedstocks at this scale, certification of the TCR route, commercial plant.



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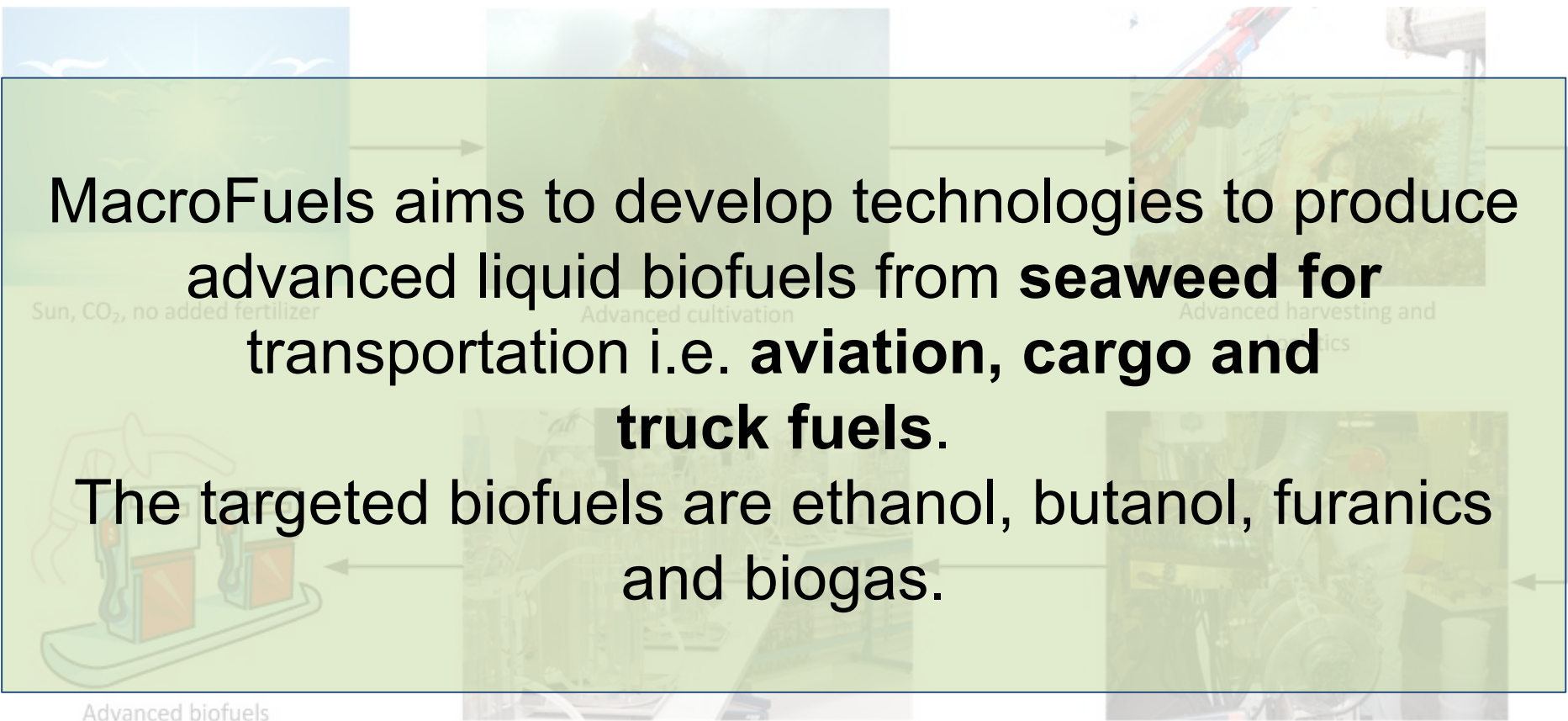
# MacroFuels

Presenter: Jaap Kiel (ECN part of TNO)

Lisbon 29/5/2019



# Main Objective



The diagram illustrates a six-step process for producing advanced liquid biofuels from seaweed. The steps are: 1. Sun, CO<sub>2</sub>, no added fertilizer; 2. Advanced cultivation; 3. Advanced harvesting and processing; 4. Advanced pre-treatment; 5. Advanced (bio)chemical conversions; 6. Advanced biofuels. Arrows indicate a clockwise flow from step 1 to step 6.

MacroFuels aims to develop technologies to produce advanced liquid biofuels from **seaweed** for transportation i.e. **aviation, cargo and truck fuels.**

The targeted biofuels are ethanol, butanol, furanics and biogas.



# MacroFuels seaweed to biofuels chain



Sun, CO<sub>2</sub>, no added fertilizer



Advanced cultivation



Advanced harvesting and Logistics



Advanced biofuels



Advanced (bio)chemical conversions



Advanced pre-treatment

# Fuel test on the way...



TEKNOLOGISK  
INSTITUT



PSA 1.6 HDI  
Furanic fuels  
Engine available



VW 1.4 TSI  
ABE & Ethanol  
New Engine Purchased



Real Drive Emission  
All fuels  
PEMS equip. available

Engine dynamometer bench-test

On-road test

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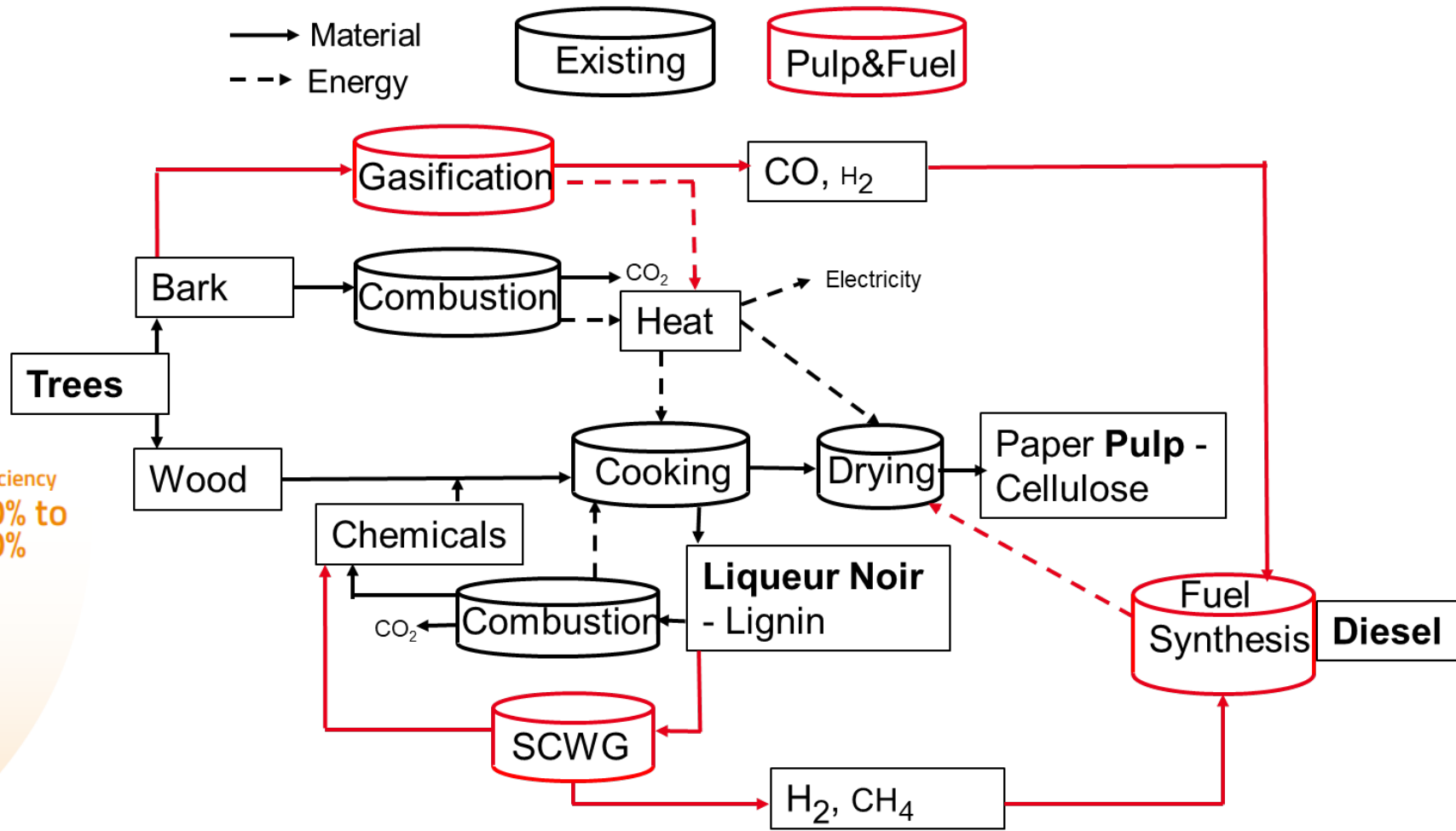
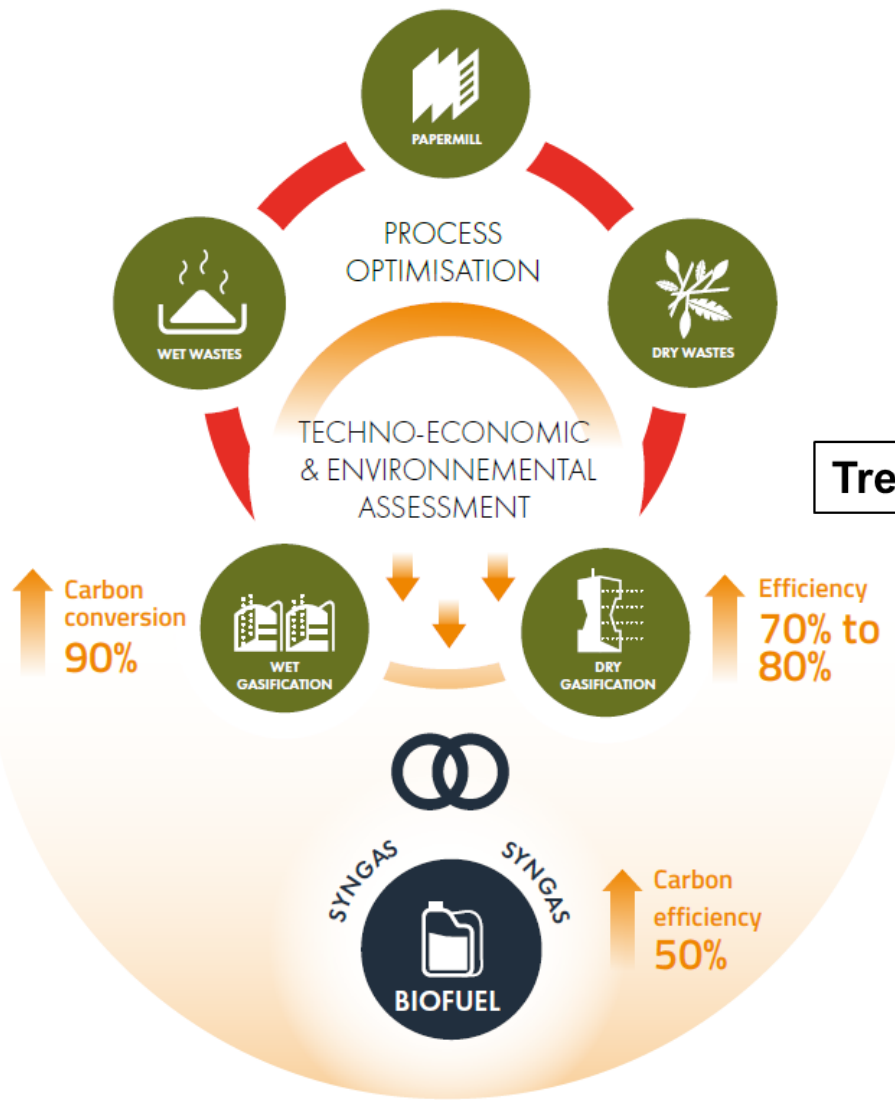
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Project Acronym: **Pulp&Fuel** Project Number: **818011** Call: H2020-RES21 Topic: LC-SC3-RES-21-2018

Project title: **Pulp and paper industry waste to fuel**

**Main Category of the Project:** Biofuel

**TRL:** 3->5

**Keywords:** Biogenic wastes, Gasification, Fischer-Tropsch

**Technological approach of the Project:** The project studies the integration of gasification and fuel synthesis technologies into the pulp industry. The project will show how biofuels can be a side product of the paper industry creating synergy with the existing process.

**Expected Impact of the Project:** The project will show how with modern technologies the paper industry can deliver second generation biofuels and a competitive cost <1€/L

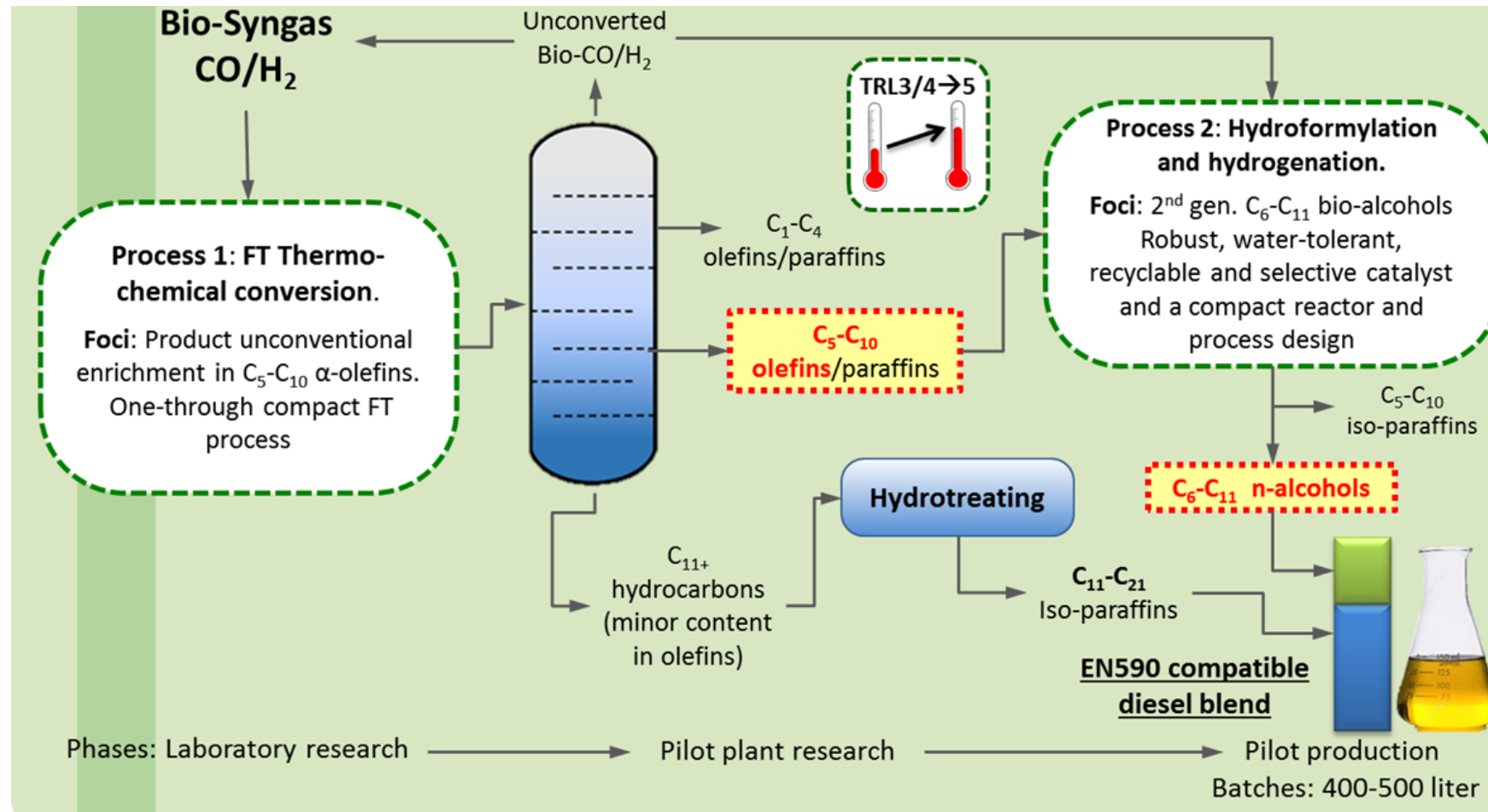
**Highlights (technological/non-technological):** Black liquor (supercritical water gasification) and bark (fixed bed gasification) is converted to syngas

**What is needed in future:** The project will prepare the ground for a demonstration project.



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# REDIFUEL CONCEPT



Overall process design, technical and economic evaluation incl biofuel cost assessment

Conversion efficiency evaluation (Biomass-to-Wheel), socio economic assessment and Life Cycle Analysis



Follow-up Scale: 1-5 kt biofuel/a

Project Acronym: REDIFUEL    Project Number: 817612    Call: LC-SC3-RES-21-2018 Topic: Drop-in fuel

Project title: Robust and Efficient processes and technologies for Drop-In renewable FUELS for road transport

**Main Category of the Project:** Biofuel

**TRL:** 4-9 (depending on feedstock)

**Keywords:** Biofuel, Drop-in, EN590, Biomass, Hydroformylation, Fischer-Tropsch

**Technological approach of the Project:** Biomass gasification, bio-syngas gas cleaning, catalyst and process development (Fischer-Tropsch with high shares of alpha-olefins C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>, hydroformylation and hydrogenation); Fuel blending strategies with engine efficiency and emission aspects; Conversion efficiency Biomass-to-Wheel, LCA

**Expected Impact of the Project:** New technologies, solutions and processes to be integrated to reach high conversion efficiencies for renewable fuel production; EN590 compatible advanced biofuel with reduced pollutant emissions

**Highlights (technological/non-technological):** The proposed drop-in biofuel contains high-cetane C<sub>11</sub>+ bio-hydrocarbons and C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>11</sub> bio-alcohols and has exceptional combustion and emission performance at low cost ~1€/liter; Pilot plant operation with ~500 liter output; Showcase the suitability with a test drive on a dyno and real roads (Euro VI truck)

**What is needed in future:** Tax on CO<sub>2</sub> emitted from fossil fuels to further promote renewable energies



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Feedstock sourcing

WOOD RESIDUALS



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GLOBAL BIOENERGIES

ISOBUTÈNE



NESTE

GASOLINE, JET FUEL



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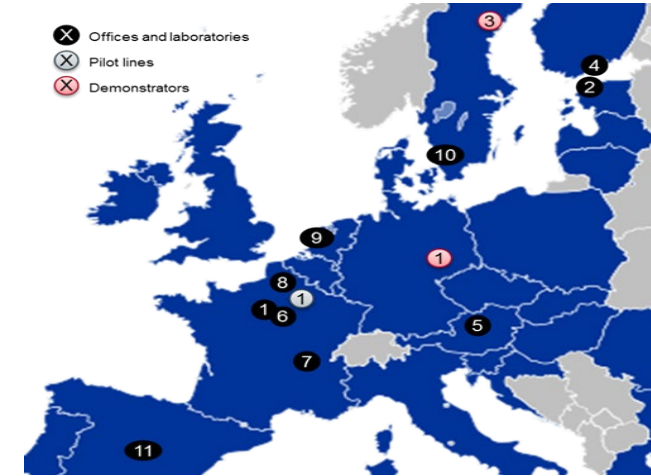
Microbial Biomass for feed  
Biogas & Fertilizer

Process integration

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Ingénierie de Procédés  
Sucres et Biotechnologies

**TechnipFMC**

- ⊗ Offices and laboratories
- ⊗ Pilot lines
- ⊗ Demonstrators



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Global sustainability analysis of  
value chain



Project Acronym: **REWOFUEL** Project Number: **792104** Call: **H2020-LCE-2016-2017** Topic: **LCE-19-2016-2017**

Project title: **REsidual soft WOOD conversion to high characteristics drop-in bioFUELS**

**Main Category of the Project:** IA - COMPETITIVE LOW-CARBON ENERGY - BIOFUEL

**TRL:** TRL5-6 to TRL6-7

**Keywords:** Second generation Biofuels, bio-isobutene, sustainable aviation fuel, bio-gasoline, residual wood hydrolysates,, fermentation, lignin, bitumen, microbial proteins, circular economy.

**Technological approach of the Project:**

Wood residues deconstruction followed by direct fermentation to gaseous bio-isobutene and subsequent chemical conversion to liquid biofuels. Valorization of byproducts as bitumen, animal feed, biogas and fertilizers.

**Expected Impact of the Project:**

1. Demonstration of an advanced biofuels value chain in view of scale-up to First of a kind commercial
2. Over 70% of production is bio-energy
3. Targeted energy balance of 5,3 renewable MJ per fossil MJ input
4. GHG emissions savings of 7kg CO<sub>2</sub>eq / liter of biofuel compared ro fossil fuels
5. 60 direct and 300 indirect jobs per plant
6. Residual wood capacity in the EU sufficient for hundreds of plants

**Highlights (technological/non-technological):**

Combination of innovative and mature technologies, direct fermentation to a gaseous hydrocarbon, drop-in biofuels from platform molecule, valorization of all byproducts, complete value chain represented in consortium.

**What is needed in future:**

Technological demonstration, ASTM certification of SAF, EU level mandates on SAF, stable or improving road biofuels mandates, financing for first of kind CAPEX.



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# FLEXible Dimethyl ether production from biomass Gasification with sorption enhancED processes

## DEMONSTRATION AT TRL5:

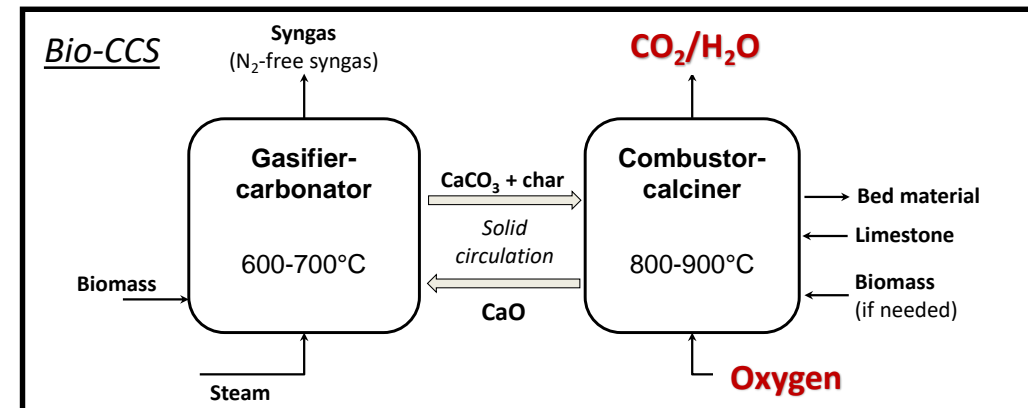
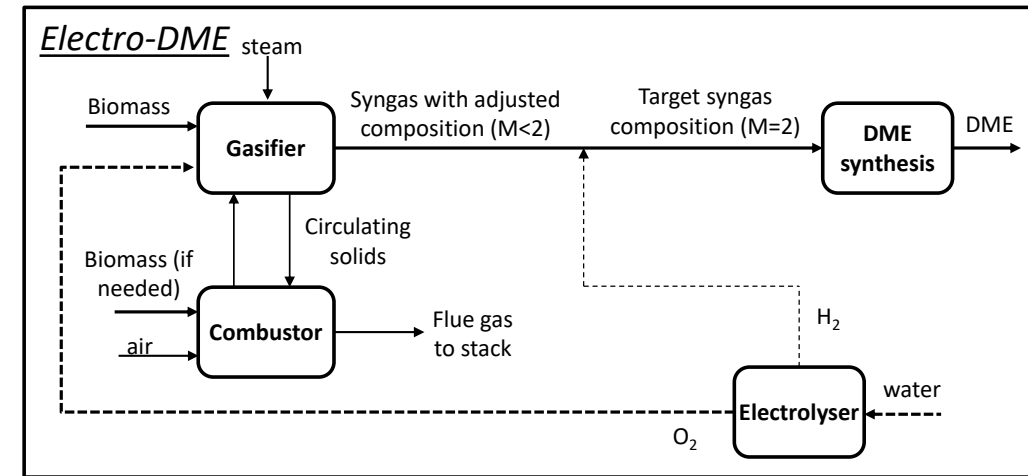
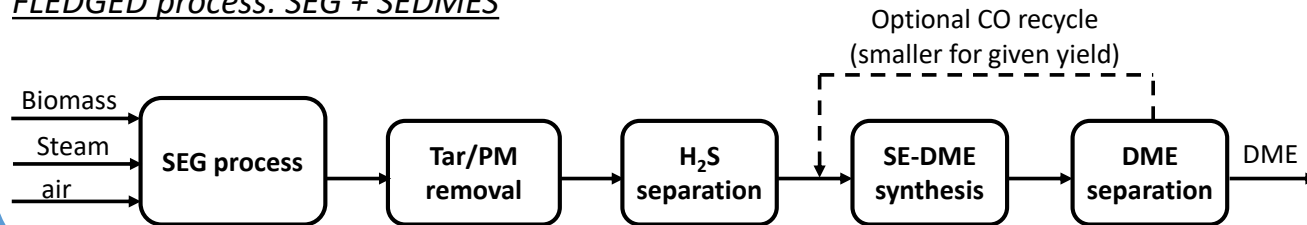
Flexible sorption enhanced gasification (SEG) process



Sorption enhanced DME synthesis (SEDMES) process

- Process intensification
- Efficiency improvements
- Cost reductions
- Process flexibility

### FLEDGED process: SEG + SEMES



Project Acronym: **FLEDGED** Project Number: **727600** Call: LCE-2016-RES-CCS-RIA Topic: LCE-08-2016-17

Project title: **FLExible Dimethyl ether production from biomass Gasification with sorption enhancED processes**

**Main Category of the Project:** Biofuel

**TRL:** 5

**Keywords:** Gasification, DME, Flexibility, Power-to-X, Bio-CCS

**Technological approach of the Project:** FLEDGED project aims at developing sorption enhanced gasification (SEG) and sorption enhanced DME synthesis (SEDMES), leading to a new intensified process with high efficiency, improved flexibility and economically competitive.

**Expected Impact of the Project:** Decarbonization of the transport sector: provision of renewable transportation fuel with possible negative WTW CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (if coupled with CCS) and favoring diffusion of intermittent electric renewables thanks to power to liquid conversion (electrofuels).

**Highlights (technological/non-technological):**

- TRL5 demonstration of two key sorption-enhanced processes for biomass gasification and DME synthesis
- Overall process characterized by process intensification and flexibility in feedstock and operation.
- Thermodynamic and economic analysis, WTW LCA, risk analysis, socio-economic analysis.

**What is needed in future:** Large scale demonstration projects and favorable regulatory framework



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