



*Modern biomass plant in Europe.*

## Q-BICON

### Competences for tomorrow's energies: A qualification scheme for biomass consultancy

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#### Background

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The massive increase in renewable energy production is a declared, unique objective of European policy to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions significantly. Among the renewable energies bioenergy already constitutes the highest share in many European countries. Demand analyses as well as practical experience have shown that missing qualification is one important bottleneck for a significant EU-wide sustainable growth in the sector. Consultants and multipliers play an outstanding role in the field of bioenergy since planning and investment decisions demand high-quality consultancy services both concerning technical and organizational aspects. Q-BICON particularly will address these gaps by setting up a vocational training scheme for independent as well as employed consultants and multipliers in the bioenergy sector. The EU project, which Fraunhofer MOEZ

has been coordinating, has started in November 2012.

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#### Aims

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Based on a detailed market and demand analysis Q-BICON will develop an innovative curriculum for a blended learning course. Besides modules focusing on bioenergy technologies and sustainability the course will also comprise teaching units to improve knowledge management and consultancy skills. The pilot course will be tested in all consortium countries Austria, Germany, Hungary and Poland. Fraunhofer MOEZ is primarily responsible for coordination and quality management within the project. Q-BICON is funded by the Lifelong Learning programme, "Leonardo da Vinci" of the European Union.

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