



RURAL 2020

Combining instruments to develop bioeconomy in Finland South Savo Region

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The European Agricultural Fund
for Rural Development:
Europe investing in rural areas

Bioeconomy in South Savo

- South Savo's regional strategy
 - Forest, water and food
- Strategy guidelines in Regional Development Program
 - Consists development objectives and measures
- Other regional plans (rural, forest etc.) and funds
 - Implement the objectives of regional development program



Combining funding instruments

- Partnership Agreement with Finland 2014-2020
 - RDP, ERDF, ESF, EMFF
 - Complementarity and coordination
- Regional implementation of funds
 - coordinating programmes
 - Regional co-operation group and secretariat
 - Decision making:
 - RDP (designated rural areas, Annex I products also in other areas)
 - ELY Centre; regional business and project development
 - LAG; local development, including small local enterprises

Combining funding instruments



- ERDF (emphasis on urban areas)
 - ELY Centre; regional businesses and certain part of projects
 - Regional council; certain part of projects
- ESF
 - ELY Centre
- Project selection
 - Selection criteria, sustainable development
- Flexible assignment

Specific objectives of the instruments

- The goal of all funds – to foster bioeconomy
- RDP
 - Rural development projects (knowledge, co-operation)
 - Rural business support (investments + start-up activities)
 - Agricultural investments
- ERDF
 - Research, development, innovations, infrastructure
- ESF
 - Working ability of farmers and entrepreneurs

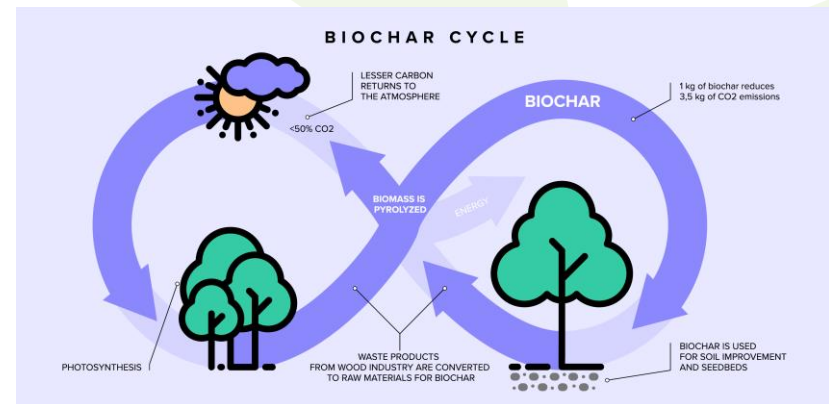
Challenges in fostering bioeconomy

- RDP
 - Rural business support
 - mainly investments (need identified for development aid as well)
 - Different rules and aid intensities for renewable energy investments (farms vs. non-farms)
 - The rules concerning eligible investments
 - State aid rules
 - Complexity of measures (need to simplify)
- Combining support from different funds
 - Different information systems and practices
- Other challenges
 - The definition of the bioeconomy, infrastructure

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- Biochar production
 - Biochar production process – development project (ERDF)
 - Investment in biochar manufacturing machines (RDP)
 - 18 new jobs
 - To triple sales

Developing



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- Investment in biogas plant (National energy support)
- agricultural investments in renewable energy, livestock farming etc. (RDP)
- Objectives:
- Nutrient recycling
- Reducing greenhouse gas and ammonium emissions

Biohauki Ltd

- Local energy company + 13 farmers
- Transportation fuel
- Organic fertilizers

