

8TH BIOMASS & ALTERNATIVE FUELS CONFERENCE

PROGRAMME*

DAY 1

6 OCTOBER 2026 (TUESDAY)

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- 08:45-09:45** ○ **Participant registration and networking over coffee**
- 10:00-10:10** ○ **Opening of the conference**
- 10:10-11:20** ○ **Session I. Policy and regulations: biomass in the new strategy for the energy and district heating sectors**
1/ District heating transition strategy to 2040 – the role of biomass
2/ RED III and sustainability criteria – what changes for biomass-fired installations?
3/ The wood industry and the biomass sector – wood used for energy, the cascading use principle and feedstock availability
4/ Straw as a fuel for district heating – potential, limitations and requirements for installations
- 11:20-12:10** ○ **Expert panel discussion: Wood biomass in Poland – a supply crisis or a change in the rules of the game?**
- 12:10-12:30** ○ Coffee break
- 12:30-13:30** ○ **Session II. Sales and demand – demand for biomass in Poland and new feedstock supply routes**
1/ Trends in biomass supply – Europe, the Baltic Sea region and imports from outside the EU
2/ Biomass consumption and utilisation potential in Poland
3/ Biomass heat sales and fuel contracting models
- 13:30-14:30** ○ **Lunch**
- 14:30-15:30** ○ **Session III. Technology and innovation: how to improve combustion efficiency, optimise processes and manage a plant effectively**
1/ Modern biomass boilers and cogeneration systems – an overview of available solutions
2/ Biomass supply logistics and fuel storage
3/ AI and digitalisation in district heating and power plants
- 15:30-16:15** ○ **Expert panel discussion: Financing and economics of biomass and alternative fuel projects in the district heating and energy sectors**
- 16:15-16:45** ○ Coffee break

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16:45-18:00

Session IV. Biomass and alternative fuels in practice

- 1/ Case study – converting a coal-fired heating plant to biomass
- 2/ RDF in district heating and industry
- 3/ Biomethane as a fuel for district heating and industry
- 4/ District heating of the future – one system, multiple fuel types

18:00

Closing of the conference sessions and key takeaways for the industry

20:00

Dinner and evening programme

DAY 2

7 OCTOBER 2026 (WEDNESDAY)

09:30

Departure by bus to OPEC Grudziądz

10:00-12:00

Meeting with the plant management and a tour of the biomass installation commissioned in 2026 and fuelled by loose straw

12:00-12:30

Closing of the conference and return to the hotel

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