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Short Rotation Woody Crops (SRC) for local supply chains and heat use

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Short rotation crops (SRCs) such as willow, poplar, robinia and others are woody, perennial fast growing tree species that can either re-grow (coppice) or be replanted after harvest. They are an excellent alternative to annual energy crops and can be complementary to the existing agricultural system. Aside from being used for energy production, the cultivation of SRC has many benefits compared to annual crops. They can help to improve water quality, enhance biodiversity, provide other ecosystem services and mitigate climate change.









In the SRCplus project SRC plantations are promoted in seven European regions.

- Achental region (Germany)
- Eastern Croatia (Croatia)
- Vidzeme region (Latvia)

REGIONS

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- Trièves region (France)
- **Zlin region (Czech Republic)**
- Kentriki Makedonia region (Greece)
- Prespa region (Macedonia)











OBJECTIVES

SRCplus

Solid biomass from SRC can significantly contribute to reaching the 2020 bioenergy targets. The SRCplus project aims to support and speed-up the development of local supply chains of SRC. This will be reached by implementing 68 capacity building events for farmers, public land owners and small and medium users of woodchips. In addition, regional mobilization actions and cooperation activities with the industry will be implemented. Finally, sustainable practices in the SRC supply chains will be promoted in order to highlight the environmental benefits of SRC in comparison to other crops.

