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The first Spanish company to achieve SBP certification, an innovative scheme covering requirements for forest management practices, forest carbon and carbon footprint from the forest to the final consumer.

COMPANY IDENTITY

	Biomasa Forestal	Name
	Spain	Country
	www.bioforestal.es	Web site
	2015	Starting year
	---	Annual turnover
	Expansion	Current status
	International	Market scale
	Voluntary price signal	Market-based instruments
	Sustainable Biomass Partnership (SBP) Certification	Awards

FROM IDEA TO BUSINESS







Biomasa Forestal has achieved the first Sustainable Biomass Partnership (SBP) certification in Spain (and among the first worldwide) for the production of wood pellets in pellet plants. SBP certification helps the company to fulfil their clients' increasing requirements on sustainable sourcing of biomass feedstock, thus allowing better differentiation of material on the market. The SBP is an industry-led initiative promoted by seven leading European energy producers. First issued in September 2015, SBP certificate applies to companies that produce, trade and use woody biomass for energy production. To achieve SBP certification, a biomass producer is evaluated for compliance with the SBP requirements on sourcing and delivering legal and responsible woody biomass. SBP requirements cover economic, social and environmental aspects, the forest section is based on forest management existing and internationally recognised schemes as FSC® & PEFC. SBP Certification procedures are independently third party verified. This initiative is an economically, environmentally and socially sustainable solid biomass supply chain that contributes to a low carbon economy.



The company engaged with SBP Certification in May 2016, so no income has been generated yet from the certification.

ACTORS INVOLVED

	Private (Biomasa Forestal S.L.)	Promoters
	Private (Biomasa Forestal S.L.)	Developers
	Private (Biomasa Forestal S.L.)	Investors
	Private: • Certification Scheme (Sustainable Biomass Partnership Certification, involved from 2013)	Other actors

IMPACTS



positive: support stakeholder initiatives both to improve and integrate their perspective in the sustainable forest management practices.
negative: a transparency task must be developed by the industry to involve stakeholders into the biomass production process from the forest to the life end.

Social

positive: additional income connected to SBP certification: establishment of new cooperation agreements, networking and development of new contracts.
negative: additional costs connected to SBP implementation and certification.

Economic

positive: the existence of environmental sustainability criteria in the production of biomass, ensures that the associated forest practices maintain and improve the forest ecosystems services and control the carbon footprint for its production and transport.

Environmental

positive: to provide an effective mechanism that enables that allows for the demonstration of compliance with European/national regulatory, including sustainability, requirements.
negative: currently, no conflict between SBP requirements and national legislation has been found.

Institutional

MAIN WEAKNESSES



Additional costs linked to SBP system implementation and certification. SBP is a new certification scheme, so changes in standards or criteria can be developed in order to improve the system functionality.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS



The company could increase the amount of SBP compliant biomass provided to 100% of their activity. Currently around 70% of the input can be considered as compliant and the rest is SBP controlled.