



THEMATIC DISCUSSION IV: SUSTAINABILITY ASSURANCE

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Introduction: what is assurance?

(12.15 – 12.25)

Break-out groups

(12.25 – 13.00)

Plenary Restitution & open discussion

(13.00-13.15)

What is assurance?

Sustainability Criteria

- The good practices and performances expected for bio-based products

Proofs of Compliance

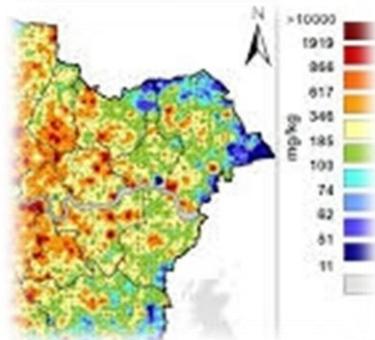
- How compliance is evaluated (e.g. management plan in place, measurements, maps, records)

Verification / Certification

- How verification is conducted (e.g. doc check, visits, interviews)
- How verifiers are trained and monitored

Traceability & Claims

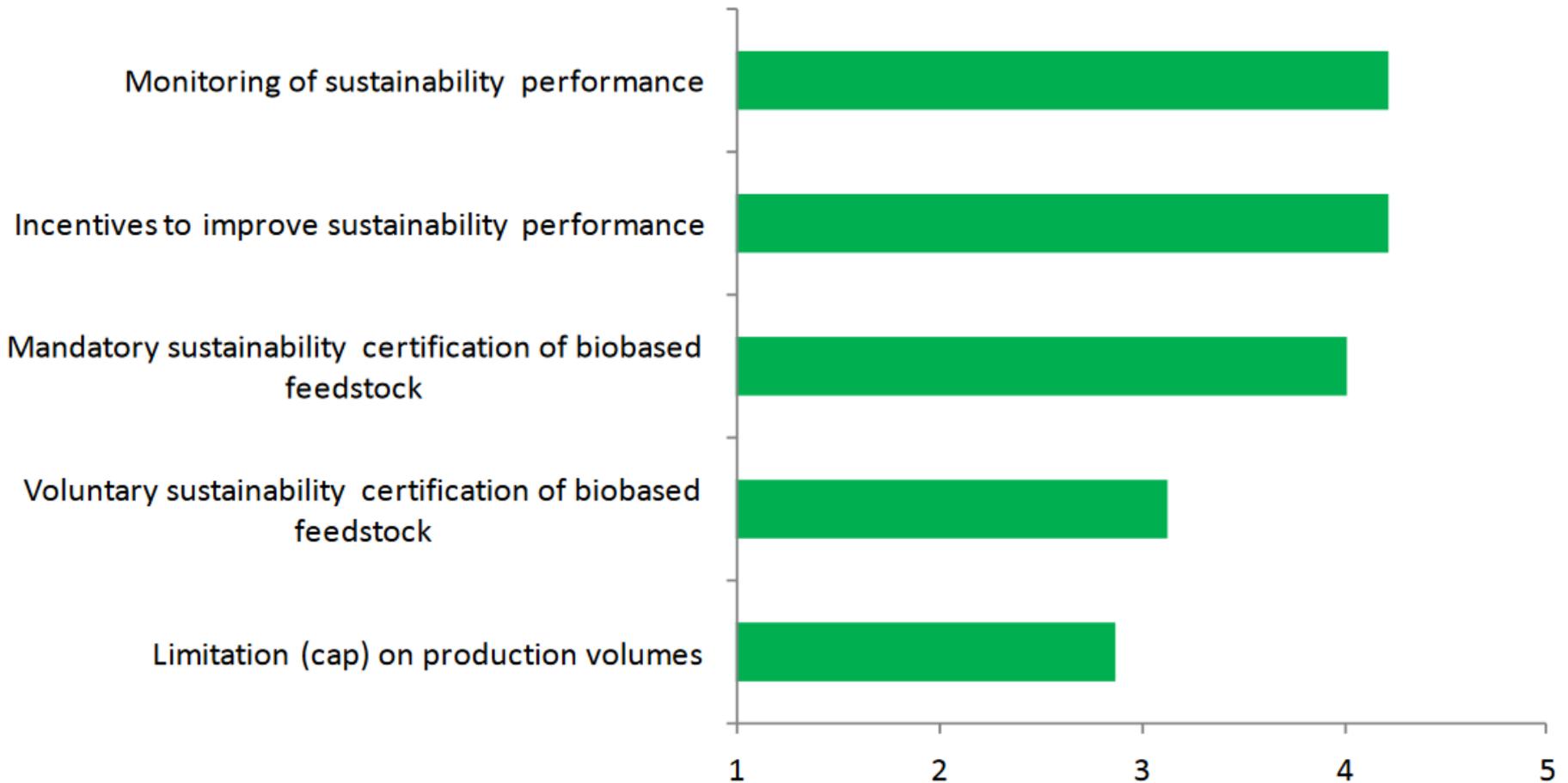
- How compliant product is tracked down the supply chain
- What claim is attached to compliant products



Assurance mechanisms in RED/FQD

- Set of Land-Use Criteria + GHG targets and methodology
- Proofs of compliance further defined by CEN but generally flexible (usually documentation suffices)
- Verification through voluntary certification schemes (or national schemes)
- Chain-of-Custody: Mass Balance (or Identity Preserved)
- EC requires independence, transparency and competence for auditors. References to ISO and ISEAL.

Stakeholders' most important issues



Break-out discussion

Flip Chart 1:

Monitoring of sustainability performance

Flip Chart 2:

Incentives to improve sustainability performance

Flip Chart 3:

Certification: mandatory vs voluntary?

Flip Chart 4:

Limitation on volumes

Break-out discussion – questions (examples)

Flip Chart 1 Monitoring	Flip Chart 2 Cont. Improvement	Flip Chart 3 Certification	Flip Chart 4 Cap on volumes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What evidence/claim would businesses and end-users require as sustainability assurance? • Is 3rd party audit the right tool? • What are the logistic constraints making chain-of-custody checks challenging? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who would define entry level and continuous improvement target (EC vs MS)? • How does it affect assurance and claims regime? • What are the funding mechanisms to put in place to stimulate continuous improvement? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should certification be +/- stringent than for biofuels (e.g. By including social criteria)? • Should certification focus on feedstock only? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the lessons learned from biofuel policies? • Are the risks similar as with conventional biofuels? • How to avoid undermining a nascent bio-based industry?

Please name a Chair and a Rapporteur for each Group!