

# BIOMASS CHP SOLUTIONS TO DECARBONIZE AGRICULTURE

## 1MWE CHP GASIFYING BIOMASS FOR ON-FARM CONSUMPTION

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## SUMMARY

- ❑ Presentation and BIOLIZA'S value proposal
- ❑ Gasification as a feasible technology
- ❑ Application to the olive oil sector
- ❑ 1 MWe CHP biomass gasification plant
- ❑ Conclusions

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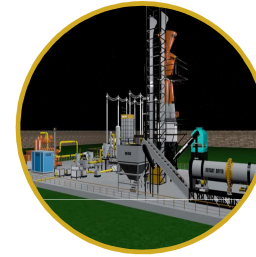
# BIOLIZA



It is a Company Based on the Knowledge of the University of Jaén, established in 2014.



We offer solutions for the energy valorization of residual biomass through gasification technology

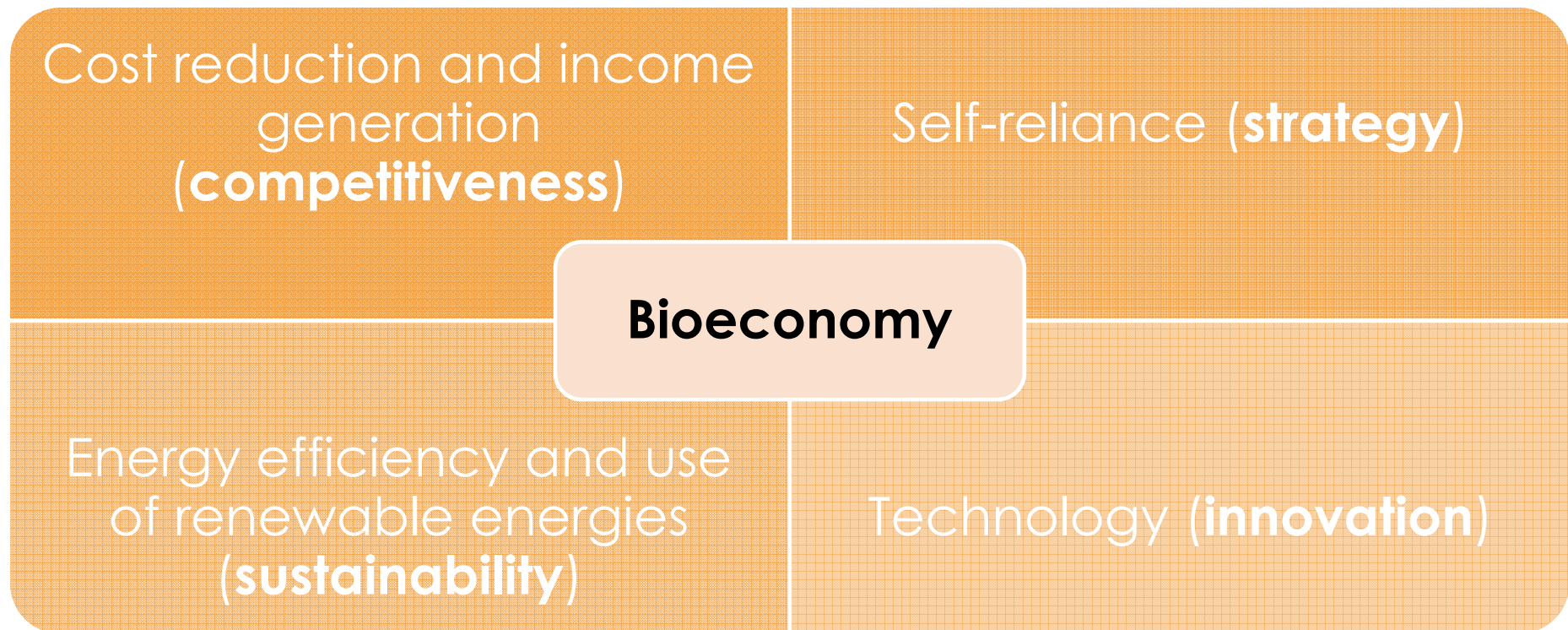


Our business lines are: Engineering, Consulting, Training and project development





# VALUE PROPOSAL





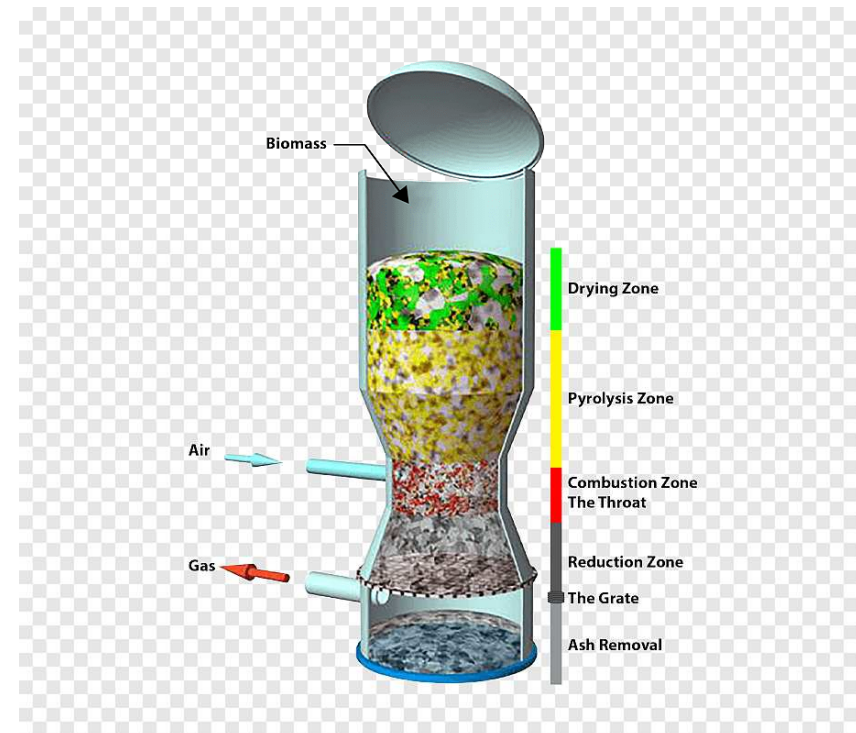
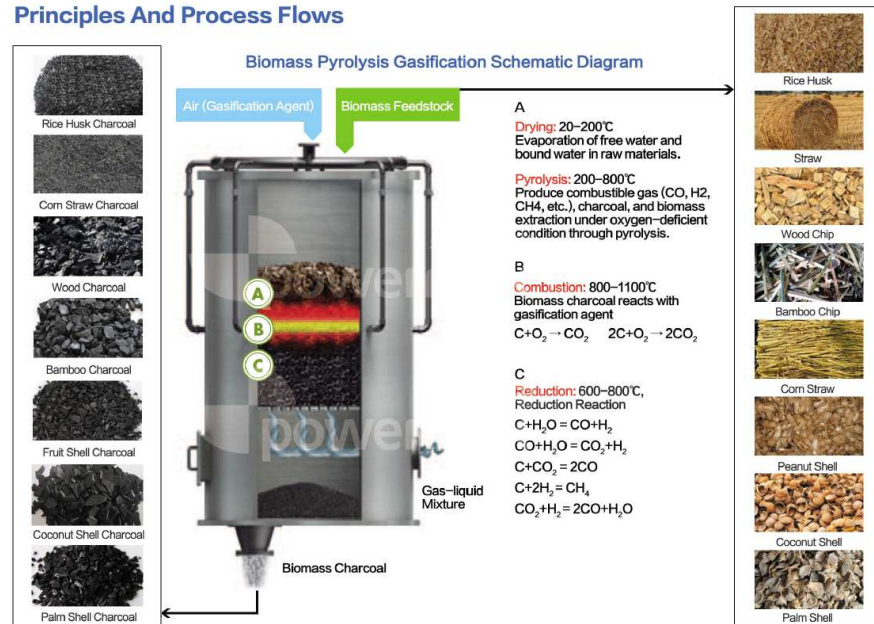
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## THE GASIFICATION AS TECHNOLOGY

- ❑ What does it consist of?
- ❑ Biomass properties
- ❑ Syngas and biochar applications
- ❑ Advantages and disadvantages
- ❑ Competitiveness

# HOW DOES IT WORK?

## Principles And Process Flows





# BIOMASS: PROPERTIES

Humidity < 20%



Size grain between 5 – 15 mm



Bulk density > 450 kg/m<sup>3</sup>

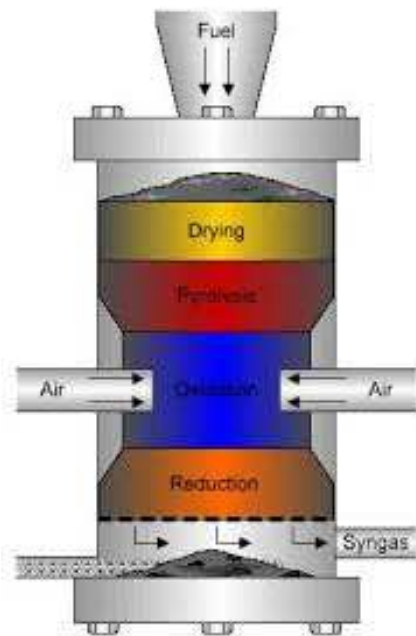


Ash content < 5%



# OUR TECHNOLOGY

## Downdraft



## Advantages:

Small power < 1 MW

Simple construction

Lower tar production

Suitable for use of the syngas in set engines

High efficiency in biomass conversion

# THE SYNGAS

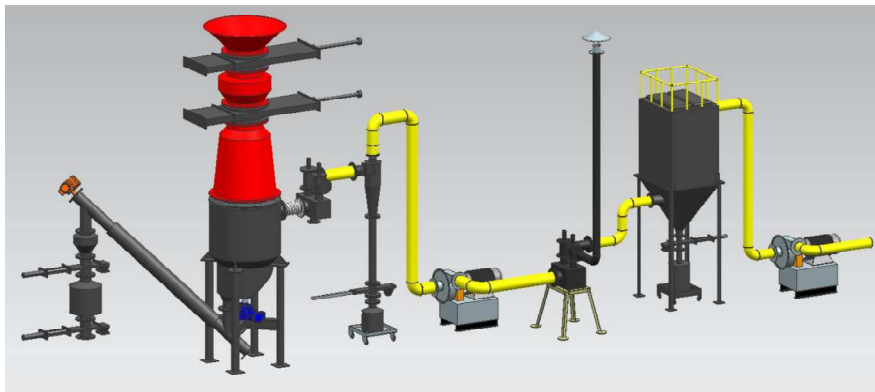
Gas Parameters	Unit	SAMPLE 1	SAMPLE 2
H <sub>2</sub>	%	19.28	19.81
O <sub>2</sub>	%	0.0	0.0
N <sub>2</sub>	%	45.91	48.67
CH <sub>4</sub>	%	2.74	2.42
CO	%	15.09	15.59
CO <sub>2</sub>	%	16.98	13.51
Calorific Value	(HHV) kcal/Nm <sup>3</sup>	1336.11	1338.12
Average Calorific Value	(HHV) kcal/Nm <sup>3</sup>	1337.11	





# SYNGAS APPLICATIONS:

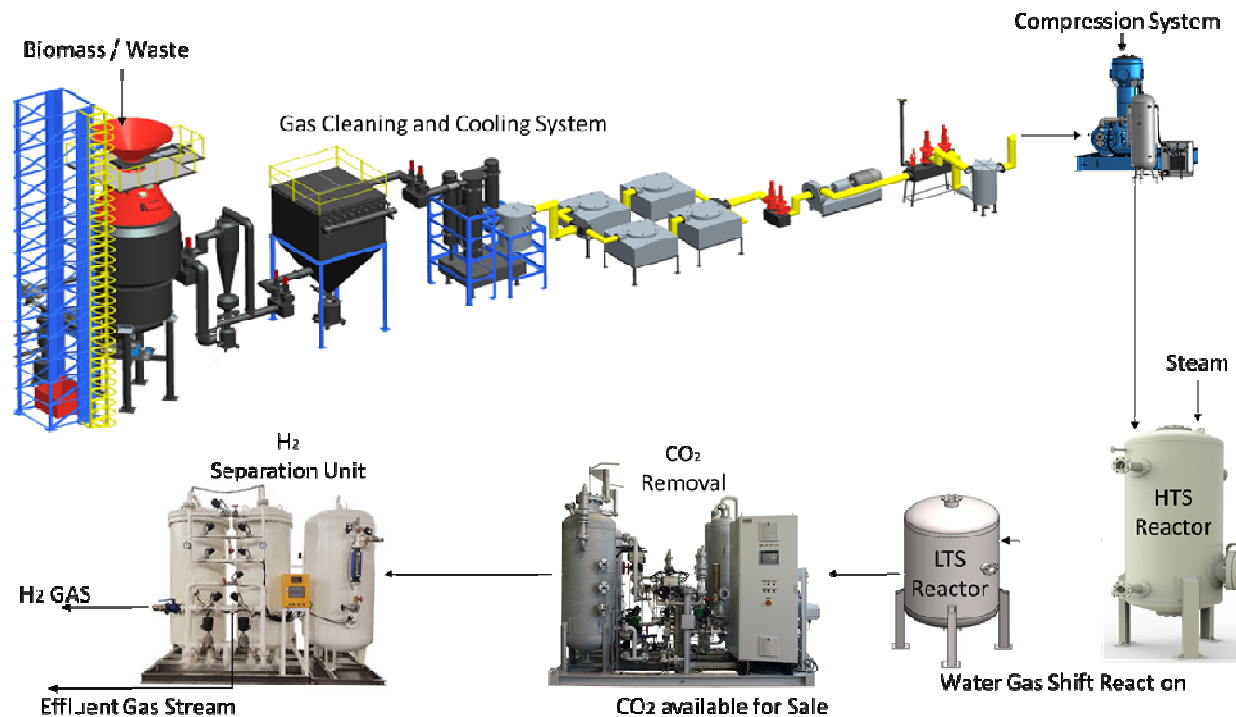
Thermal energy for drying



Power



# GREEN HYDROGEN



# BIOCHAR

Biochar from gasifier



Biochar from Gasifier

Properties:

(1 t Biochar = 3,0 t CO<sub>2</sub>)

Porous structure

(1 t Biochar = 4 t waste)

Water retention capacity

Reduces soil acidity and improves aeration



# BIOCHAR COMPOSITION

Type of biomass	Wet Olive Pomace Pellets Discharge
Moisture content on wet basis, %	38.38
Ash % on dry basis	26.49
Volatile % on dry basis	6.93
Fixed carbon, % on dry basis	66.58
Bulk density, kg/m <sup>3</sup>	675
Size (in mm)	05 to 20
Calorific Value, kcal/kg (HHV) (on dry basis)	5841
Ignition test	Burns easily
Flow ability test	Flows easily



# GASIFICATION ADVANTAGES:



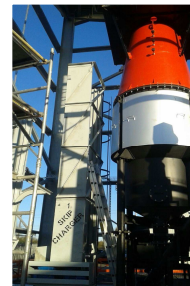
Wide range of biomass and waste



Versatility (EE, TE, steam, H<sub>2</sub> green, ...)



Modularity



High energy efficiency (>65%)



## APPLICATION TO THE OLIVE OIL SECTOR IN SPAIN

- ❑ Circular economy
- ❑ Bioeconomy
- ❑ Self-production
- ❑ Costs reduction
- ❑ Sustainability
- ❑ Marketing



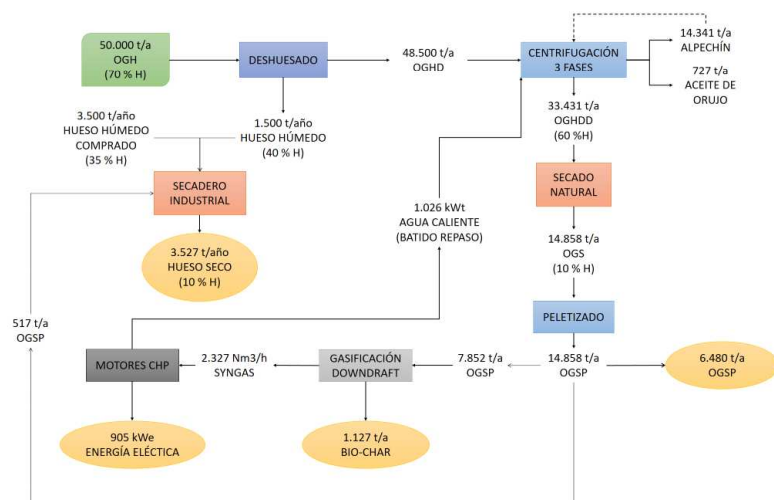


## OUR PROJECT BASED ON OLIVE OIL INDUSTRY BIOMASS GASIFICATION

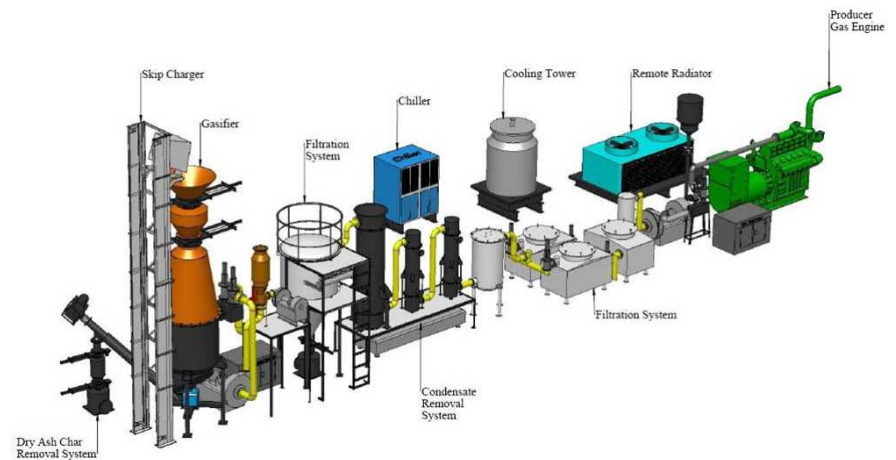
- ❑ Input: 7,500 t/a OGS
- ❑ Syngas power: 4,3 MWt
- ❑ Energy efficiency: 62,5 %
- ❑ Net electrical power: 0,8 MW
- ❑ Thermal power  $\approx$  2,4 MWt (hot water + exhaust pipes)
- ❑ Biochar production: 1,250 t/a

# PILOT PROJECT

## Mass balance

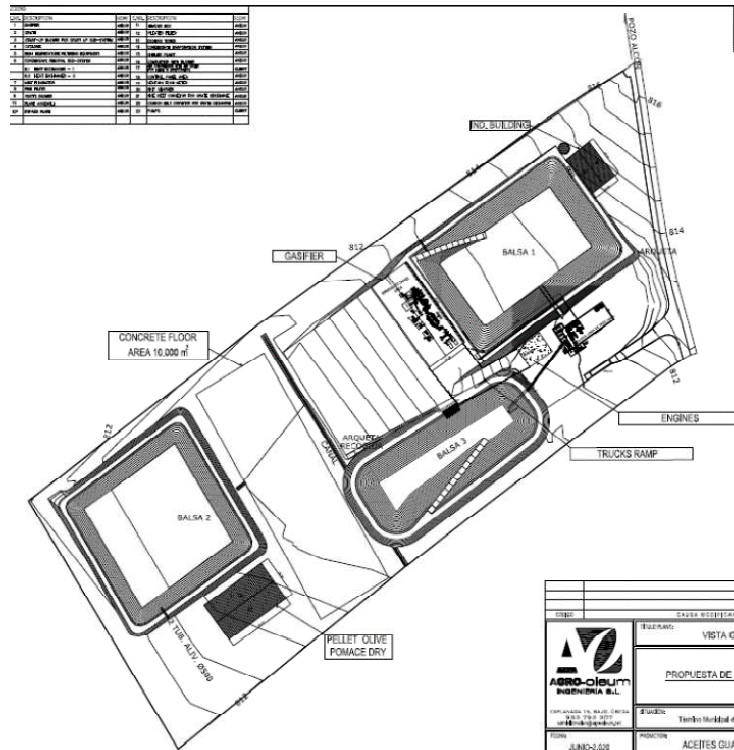


## Layout

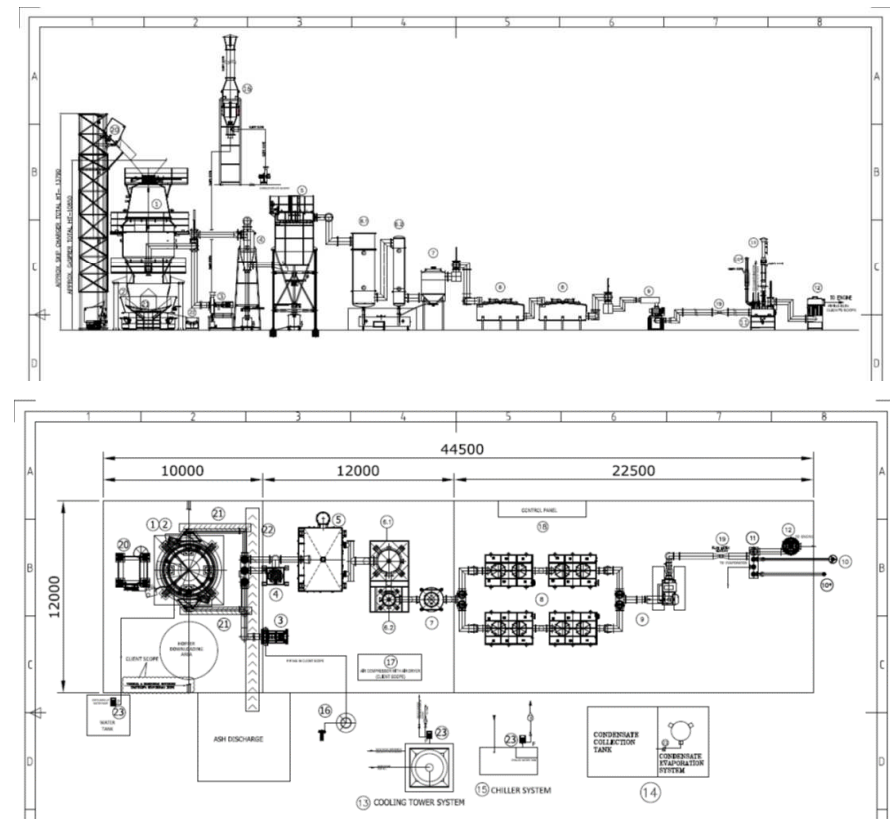




# DRAWINGS



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# PLANT GENERAL VIEW







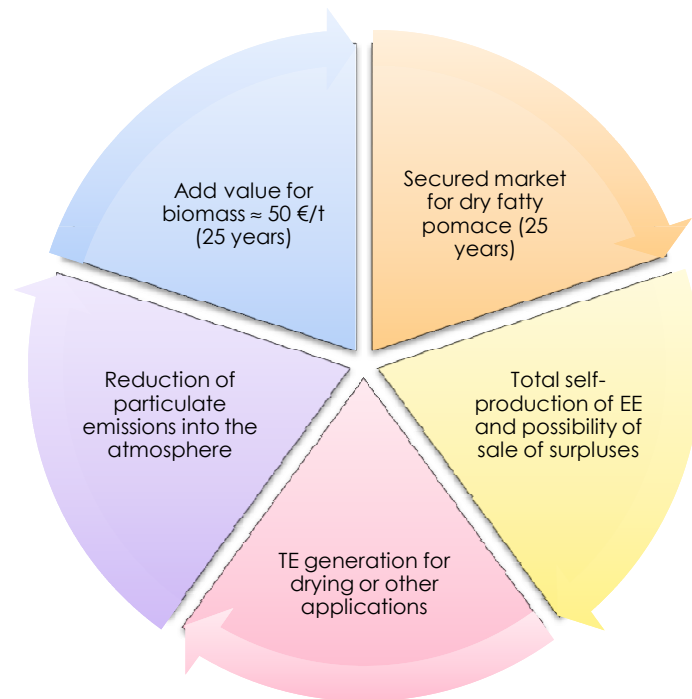
## MAIN CONCLUSIONS:

- Versatile technology for a wide range of biomass and waste
- Possibility of using the syngas for renewable energy generation or for green H<sub>2</sub>
- Obtaining biochar as a by-product of the process
- Projects based on the new paradigms of the economy: circular, bioeconomy
- Alignment with the UN SDGs





# ADD VALUE FOR THE RESIDUAL BIOMASS





**THANKS FOR YOUR  
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