

Vanessa Gallo, **Fiper**: “The time has come to think about renewable energy as an economic paradigm”

Bioenergy for new business models

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It is a crucial phase for the European economy. From global to local, the common thread is “to create synergy between economic, environmental and energy policies.” Fiper - Federation of Renewable Energy Producers, which brings together 86 wood biomass district heating plants, 125 agricultural biogas plants and a group of operators in the supply chain, is committed at national and European level to promote bioenergy as a tool to encourage the presence in an area, as well as the creation of green industrial districts. “The production of renewable energy is not the goal, but the means to promote business models based on the use of plant and animal waste that is otherwise unused - comments Vanessa Gallo, national secretary - to stimulate the circular economy through the production of renewable energy; biomass/biogas as supply chains and components with strong territorial roots, which create income and employment in the ‘here and now’ of the Italian and European economy.” President Walter Righini, during the Necip presentation (Integrated National Energy and Climate Plan) in Brussels with the Italian Member of Parliament Patrizia Toia, Vice-President of the European Parliament’s Industry, Innovation and Energy Commission, remarked that without the contribution of biomass/biogas it is unthinkable to achieve the 30% RES production target by 2030. The use of bioenergy is able to guarantee a constant production of energy and to contribute to bridging the imbalances in the electricity grid coming from solar and wind sources. Furthermore, biomasses cover 65% of thermal production from RES.

It is a priority to consolidate the production of thermal and electrical energy in the existing biomass and biogas district heating plants and to promote the start of new generation installations. “We are thinking about renewables in terms of economic paradigm and industrial policy. From the kilowatt hour input into the network incentive scheme to the impact multiplier. This presupposes a reform of general taxation. In this sense, at European level we are already working to reform energy taxation and set the carbon tax,” concludes Vanessa Gallo.

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A cleaner world and a more sustainable economy are the goals of the circular economy