

BIOREFINING – in progress

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Outlook ...towards 2050



Biorefinieries are

- ... highly developed and technologies
- ... very efficient and flexible process pathways
- ... can produce a large range of intermediates and products
- ... commonly used and are key technologies for our circular bio-based industry
- ... can offer a very sound business case
 - ... we simply can't live without it

Towards a circular economy



If we take our ambition seriously to transfer into a non-fossil carbon economy we need to...

- > set out a clear strategic approach and stick to it
- re-think/ re-design product processing, energy generation and life-style
- implement Biorefineries for sustainable processing of biomass into manifold intermediates, products and energy

Concept of Biorefining





Wood Refinery lay out





+ Solid fuel from lignin, bark and forest residues

JP Sanders 2009





Biogas/ Biomethan



Biogas digesters offer opportunities...

- Anaerobic digestion is very good end of pipe technology to valorise organic residues
- > AD plants are regionally embedded and have a supply chain (biomass storage)
- Can offer synergies such as process heat, infrastructure...
- Are existing....and currently searching for new business cases (dependency on power feed in tariffs)

Example GRASSfinery





Exampel Byosis/Zeafuels (Lelystad, NL)





Preference JP Sanders 2016

Concept Byosis/Zeafuels





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Existing infrastructure / processing offer good opportunities for retrofitting a biorefinery concept

- > Valorisation of processing residues
- Feedstock (Wastes) are already centralized
- > Are usually available at reasonable prices
- E.g. food processing, milk & whey processing...

Multi feedstock scenarios





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Concept Mandl & Walsh 2015

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Take home message



- Biorefineries need more development to get a significant impact to bioeconomy development -> pilot/demonstration-> market uptake
- > There is NO biorefinery general solution
- Need of customised reginal embedded solutions
- Incentives to kick-off of implementation a required
- Biorefinery can significantly underpin the transfer to circular bioeconomy (but need sustainable farming)