



## Biannual Newsletter DECEMBER 2022

Dear Pellet Professionals and subscribers.

Welcome to our mid-year edition of the ENplus® newsletter!

2022 was another challenging year for the pellet market. The Russian war against Ukraine caused spike in the energy prices with pellet prices reaching historical peaks due to huge demand and limited availability in some European regions. Nonetheless, I hope that pellet producers and traders did their best to provide as many pellets as possible to fulfil the market needs, so our customers can continue using their heating appliances normally.

As they say there's a new opportunity in every difficult situation. We are happy to report that even though EN*plus*<sup>®</sup> suspended all Russian and Belarusian companies, we managed to certify more than 100 new producers and traders with the scheme being present in 50 countries around the world as of today. It is my firm belief that soon the market will become more self-sufficient and free of external political tension.

This year, the revision of the certification scheme was completed and the new documentation was published bringing some big improvements in the certification process, and enhanced set of requirements and better management.

In 2022, live events were also resumed and we were so grateful to be able to meet you again in person during our quality managers training courses, inspection training events and workshops, conferences and other industry gatherings.

Please have a look below to catch up with all the latest important updates and upcoming events.

I wish you a happy holiday season!

Pablo Rodero Masdemont

**EPC President** 

Read our latest interview with Christian Rakos from proPellets Austria who recommends increasing storage for the pellet sector.

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The set of Standards from the new EN*plus*<sup>®</sup> documentation enters into force on 1.1.2023. Make sure to get familiarised with the new requirements and procedures if you still haven't done it. The full documentation is available here. Key changes are highlighted in our brochure. The FAQ section is also updated.

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The EN*plus*® Head Office organises additional webinar on 16<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 (16:30 - 18:00 CET) for those certified companies that still need additional clarification on the new documentation and/or have questions about



the new requirements. Register here! This is the third webinar on the new requirements we organise, as in 2023 more webinars on specific topics will follow.

For all certified companies, remember that you need to complete at least one quality managers training every certification period. The next one will be held in Geldrop, The Netherlands, 26.01.2023, with special focus on the new documentation and requirements.

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In the beginning of 2023, all certified companies will receive invitation with detailed instructions how to join the EN*plus*<sup>®</sup> Certification Platform (Radix Tree). Annual figures will be reported through the platform where also the invoicing will be implemented.

## Do you know?



Do you know that VAT rate for wood pellets varies a lot in the different European countries? For example, in Serbia it is as low as 10% while in Greece it is way higher – 24%. See more on the topic in the Bioenergy Europe Statistical Report: Pellets.

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The 9<sup>th</sup> EN*plus*<sup>®</sup> Inspectors' Workshop will take place on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023, in Brussels. The workshop is intended primarily for the inspectors who perform EN*plus*<sup>®</sup> inspections of pellet production plants, traders', or service providers' facilities and will focus on the highlights of the scheme revision. More information. Note that the maximum number of participants for this event has been reached, therefore, we will announce a second Inspectors' Workshop in 2023 and will inform all inspectors interested to attend.

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We have 2 new people who joined the team: Diandra Velica and Isis Taipe Maldonado. You can see the full team here.





The European Pellet Forum is a new annual event targeting businesses active in pellet use for domestic and commercial heat supply. The first edition will take place on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in Graz, Austria, and will address topics such as the international pellet market development, expectations for pellet stove and pellet boiler markets and current developments of European policy frameworks. Register here!



ENplus® STATISTICS!

## + 56 CERTIFIED COMPANIES

JULY - DECEMBER! The latest companies are listed below:

AT 383: TCS Recycling GmbH

DE 507: N+P Handel und Produktions GmbH

HR 309: Enertech Solutions d.o.o.



IT 424 : Nordfforest di Veprintseva Irina PL 073: PELLET D.G. Daniel Garncarek PL 074: RADZISZEWSKI Sp. z o.o. SK 307: TATRAS s.r.o **>>** SK 315 : LOGINT, a.s. TR 005: ADİYAMANLAR ORMAN ÜRÜNLERİ PAKETLEME **>>** AMBALAJ SANAYI VE TICARET ANONIM SIRKETI TR 302 : ATABAŞ GRUP DIŞ TİCARET LİMİTED ŞİRKETİ **>>** UK 015: M. McKenzie Old Pentland LLP **US 028: Effingham Pellets LLC >> FRAUD CASES SOLVED!** 862 LEARN MORE ABOUT FRAUD **BLACKLISTED COMPANIES!** 212 **CHECK THE BLACKLIST** 

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