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ENVI vote embraces sustainable sourcing of biomass but misses the mark by encouraging mass conversion of coal power plants

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The Environment (ENVI) committee has understood the importance of better aligning the text with Circular Economy principles, energy efficiency standards and sustainable forest management practices.

It nonetheless seriously jeopardises Europe's bioeconomy by encouraging the mass conversion to biomass by low-efficiency coal power plants.

"Despite significant technical improvements the ENVI committee vote misses the big picture and may cause an unsustainable dash for biomass" says Sylvain Lhôte, Director General of the Confederation of European Paper Industries (CEPI). "The European bioeconomy deserves much better than turning wood into megawatts. We remain however confident that the text can be rebalanced at plenary".

CEPI strongly holds the view that forest biomass should be both sustainably sourced and efficiently used in order to effectively contribute to Europe's renewable energy and climate change targets.

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