SURE
SUSTAINABLE RESOURCES
Verification Scheme GmbH

enSURE Compliance with RED II
Sustainability Requirements for the
Production of Electricity, Heating &
Cooling from Biomass

be RESPONSIBLE | be SUSTAINABLE | be SURE
At Sustainable Resources Verification Scheme (SURE), we live and breathe sustainability. Our mission is to ensure sustainable and responsible use of biomass within the energy sector to protect the climate.

In line with the recast of the European Renewable Energy Directive II (RED II) as a voluntary certification system, we have defined verifiable criteria for the production of power and heat from solid biomass and biogas, which is regularly monitored by independent auditors.

Our principles correspond to the idea of ‘closed-loop’ recycling and take into account the minimum efficiencies of biogas and biomass plants including the conservation of biodiversity in agriculture and forestry, the protection of natural forests to further that of near-natural forest management as well as the resource-saving use of waste and residual materials.
SURE is an association of two strong market leaders who want to create an independent and credible verification system for the sustainable use of solid biomass and biogas; contributing to their individual strengths and competences:

Bioenergy Europe is the voice of European bioenergy with members from over 40 countries. Bioenergy Europe has already advocated binding sustainability criteria for the production of power and heat from biomass out of the industry’s own responsibility in the initiating political discussions surrounding RED II.

The REDcert Gesellschaft zur Zertifizierung nachhaltig erzeugten Biomasse mbH was founded in 2010 to demonstrate the sustainability of biofuels and liquid bioenergy sources within the framework of the first Renewable Energy Directive 2009/28/EU. With more than 1,300 system participants in 25 countries allows REDcert to be one of the world’s leading certification systems for biofuels and liquid bioenergy sources.

Within the SURE-System, both Bioenergy Europe and REDcert will bring together a pan-European network of experts to make a significant contribution to capacity building in the sector as well as contributing expertise to an EU-approved certification system and many years of experience with an objective, reliable and transparent verification process.
WHO CAN BE SURE?

SURE was founded to provide those in the Bioenergy Market, namely, Economic Operators with a practical, independent, and reliable solution as a means of providing a sustainable bioenergy use in accordance with the RED II requirements. Founded in March 2019 SURE is supported by two strong shareholders and work together with many stakeholders to define requirements and approaches for an easy and effective way of proofing sustainability for economic operators.

SURE is proud to provide a certification scheme for fuel producers from:

- Agricultural Feedstock
- Forestry Biomass
- Waste and Residues

SURE can also be used for the certification of sustainable power and heat from:

- Biomass Plants
- Biogas Plants
GET CERTIFIED

1. REGISTRATION
- Registration at www.sure-system.org
- Registered data checked

2. CONTRACT
- Contract Concluded
- Legally binding declaration sent by the certification body
- Participation confirmed by the SURE team

3. INSPECTION
- Initial / scheme inspection of the company
- Inspection report entered

4. CERTIFICATION
- Certificate created
- Certificate published on the SURE website

WELCOME TO SURE
www.sure-system.org
With the implementation of the Directive 2018/2001/EU, the use of biomass for the production of power and heat will increase significantly. In order to ensure the sustainability of biomass use, the member states of the EU have agreed on standards which in future must be observed and documented by operators of biomass cogeneration plants or biogas plants in order to continue the eligibility for funding.

Voluntary certification systems, such as SURE, are regarded as an impartial and reliable way of documenting compliance with the RED II criteria. In order to meet the requirements of RED II and to ensure the high quality and transparency of sustainability certification, all voluntary schemes will be regularly audited and formally recognised by the EU Commission.

The SURE-System was established to obtain this recognition and to offer a solution to operators in the biomass and biogas market to safely and reliably demonstrate the requirements of RED II.