# SUSBIOR project

Optimized and SUStainable BIORefinery supply chains in Spain for a climate-neutral European economy



# Why SUSBIOR?

The SUSBIOR project is built on the hypothesis that the strategic implementation of biorefineries, leveraging bio-based energy and products, can address critical challenges in socio-economic development, environmental conservation, and resource utilization. By integrating advanced technologies and circular economy principles, SUSBIOR positions biorefineries as pivotal drivers of a sustainable future.

SUSBIOR focuses on the optimization of biorefinery supply chains to support decision-making and policy frameworks that enable Spain's transition to a carbon-neutral economy.

## What is SUSBIOR?

SUSBIOR develops a comprehensive modeling and optimization framework that combines advanced tools with the AESA-LCA methodology. This integrated approach ensures the design of biorefinery value chains that align with the principles of sustainability and circularity, specifically targeting the energy, transportation, and industrial sectors.

#### **Key Innovations of SUSBIOR:**

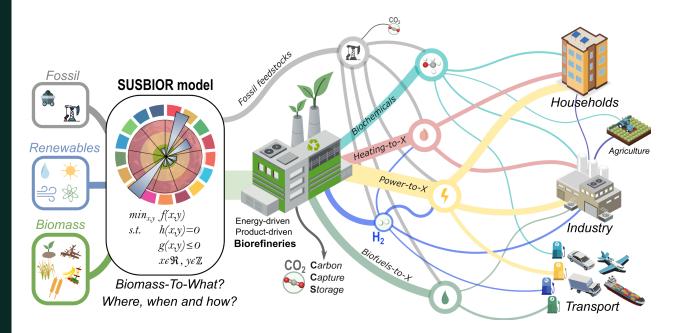
 Incorporating Cutting-Edge Technologies: Integrating biomass conversion pathways coupled with carbon capture and storage (CCS) to remove CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere.

 Valorizing Domestic Biomass Resources: Utilizing olive agro-industrial residues, sunflower stalks, rapeseed, wheat straw, and vine shoots.

 Holistic Environmental Assessment: Moving beyond conventional carbon footprint assessments by employing an AESA-LCA-based optimization model to evaluate collateral impacts on critical Earth-system processes.



SUSBIOR will drive sustainable biorefinery supply chains for a carbonneutral future.



### Research Focus

The framework combines process simulation, life cycle assessment (LCA), and optimization tools, ensuring that biorefineries achieve sustainability goals while supporting practical policymaking.



#### **Optimization Frameworks**

Developing advanced models to inform decision-making and policy frameworks for sustainable biorefineries.



#### **AESA-LCA Methodology**

Pioneering bottom-up models to evaluate impacts of biohubs and biorefinery supply chains on critical Earth-system processes.



#### **Valorizing Domestic Biomass**

Leveraging Spain's agricultural and industrial residues, such as olive agro-industrial waste and wheat straw, to produce bio-based energy and products.



#### **Holistic Sustainability Assessment**

Integrating economic, environmental, and social dimensions to comprehensively evaluate biorefinery supply chains.

## Expected Impact

#### Scientific, environmenral and economic and social impact

SUSBIOR will advance sustainable biorefinery systems by offering openaccess databases, customizable models, and insights to optimize design, policies, and industry practices. Supporting Spain as a biohub in Europe, the project drives competitiveness and fosters regional development through eco-friendly initiatives.



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