

Position Paper on 100% Use of Animals

Although the main product of fur farming is fur, the carcasses do not have to be discarded and can have further use for different purposes. For example, the fat from mink is energy rich and is suitable to be processed for biofuel production. At the same time, recycling of biological mass as a renewable energy source is one of the activities that can contribute in meeting the second of the three key objectives set by European 2020 energy targets – raising the share of EU energy consumption produced from renewable resources to 20%.

According to our survey undertaken in October and November 2012, as many as 68.42% of the fur animals are used 100%. The carcasses are used for different purposes: they are being processed into biofuels, fertilizers, cement, used as biomass for renewable energy production, as well as in cosmetics.

Fur Europe encourages its farming members to take advantage of the possibility to have the carcasses processed the mentioned way so that the fur sector can take its part in fulfilling the environmental goals of the EU and contribute to sustainable development.