



Sustainability in action



Training Program Objectives

RSB Lead Auditor Training

The Roundtable on Sustainable Biomaterials (RSB) is an international multi-stakeholder initiative that brings together farmers, companies, non-governmental organizations, experts, governments, and inter-governmental agencies concerned with ensuring the sustainability of biomaterials production and processing. Since 2006 the RSB has worked with numerous organizations and individuals throughout the world to develop a global bioenergy standard with widespread recognition.

Training is an essential element of the RSB system. Outstanding auditor qualification is intrinsic to the value of the RSB certification. Since 2011, AB Training (now ASTRAcademy) has been supporting the RSB with the development and implementation of Auditor Training. A comprehensive Training Program was launched in 2012, as a blended program, combining e-learning with face-to-face courses. The training program has been developed in close collaboration with RSB.

Registrations on the [ASTRAcademy website](#)



Face-to-face course offered several times per year at different locations Inquiries: liviu@astracademy.net

1. E-learning: understand the structure of the RSB as a certification system and learn about the detailed content of its standards for participating operators and certification bodies
2. Face-to-face course: develop knowledge and skills relating to the practical application of RSB standards



Costs: 1100 Euro, including, registration, online and face-to-face course, course certificate.

Who should participate:

- Auditors working with certification bodies
- Consultants in the biomaterials/biofuels sector
- Industry representatives (e.g. biomaterials, biofuels, aviation, agriculture, etc.)

Achieving competence through training is

POWER

Auditors and consultants seize the professional development opportunity offered by the RSB standards for responsible biomaterials production



How does the blended training work?

E-learning: after successful registration, trainees receive by e-mail the access codes to the AB Training e-learning platform and can start the online course. A tutor helps each each trainee during the course, via e-mail or phone/ Skype. Trainees have up to six weeks to complete the online course.

Face-to-face courses (2.5 days): is offered regularly for trainees who complete successfully the online course in order to deepen the knowledge about the RSB standards and develop skills in their implementation.



This is how Dr. Tony Steer from Air New Zealand experienced this course: *"As a complete novice to the audit profession and needing to learn more about the standards of the Roundtable on Sustainable Biomaterials, I found ASTRAcademy's RSB Lead Auditor course both comprehensive and challenging. The course provides a solid foundation for anyone wishing to learn about RSB and its standards in order to apply them as a consultant, internal auditor or third party auditor. Well organised, relaxed and rigorous at the same time, and definitely recommended."*

CONTENT OF THE RSB LEAD AUDITOR TRAINING PROGRAM

Online Lead Auditor Training Program:

- Course 1: Introduction to the training program and the use of the e-learning platform
- C2: RSB History, Background and Structure of the Certification Scheme
- C3: The RSB Principles and Criteria
- C4: The Scope of Certified Operations and the Risk Management Approach
- C5: Adaptation Standards
- C6: Chain of Custody
- C7: Communication and Claims
- C8: Dispute Resolution
- C9: Certification Body Standards
- Quizzes in all courses

Face-to-face Lead Auditor Training Program:

- A series of practical exercises that enhance active learning through:
 - ✔ interactive learning techniques, including brainstorming, group exercises, workshops, case studies and other participatory techniques
 - ✔ interaction between participants and exchange of professional experience in areas relating to certification of biomaterials, biofuels and other sectors
- The use of the RSB online tools for participating operators
- Final test