



Bioenergy Promotion

Bioenergy Promotion II – From strategies to activities

The flagship project of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region Bioenergy Promotion will be continued in the framework of the extension stage instrument of the Baltic Sea Region Programme.

13 partners received two additional years for policy development, demonstration and transfer of activities strengthening the final results. The objective of the project activities is to extend the strategic outputs of the main stage project into the Baltic Sea Region and national political arenas and also into the daily grind of utility companies and local and regional administration.

The project consortium consists of 13 former Bioenergy Promotion partners and several associated partners (i. a. “Baltic 21”, national ministries and demo regions in each participating country) and is led by the German Agency for Renewable Resources (FNR). The Extension Stage project started immediately after main stage project Bioenergy Promotion”and will run for two years until January 2014.

Visit the updated project [website >>](http://www.bioenergypromotion.net)

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The Bioenergy Roundtable in Stockholm 21 November 2012

A key activity within task 4.2 is to carry out a Roundtable in cooperation with Baltic 21, CBSS Expert Group on Sustainable Development.

It has been decided to arrange The Bioenergy Roundtable in conjunction with the next 6th meeting of the Expert Group on 20-21 November 2012 in Stockholm. This meeting will be followed by the Bioenergy Roundtable.

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Invitation: Bioenergy Promotion II conference and workshop, Skövde, Sweden 18th of October, 2012



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Bioenergy Promotion II conference will be held in connection to Future forum, which is a conference and workshop with the approach a way to influence the local development. The method is based on cooperation, local initiatives and local needs. Future forum will take place in Skövde, Sweden, 18th of October, 2012.

Agriculture and countryside program overall goal is to support sustainable economic, ecological and social development of rural areas in Sweden. Speakers will be from European Parliament Information Office in Sweden, Swedish government for rural affairs, region politicians and interest organisations, both local, regional and national.

The conference will be arranged by Swedish Husbandry society and KanEnergi in connection with Skaraborg community, Västra Götalands region, Europe Direct, county Administrative Board.

More information will be provided later on! Please visit event info [here >>](#)

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New project leaflet

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Bioenergy Promotion II conference

The conference takes place in Billingeus in Skövde, Sweden.

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Bioenergy Promotion II activities in the German team region of Rotenburg



Regional bioenergy stakeholders with an emphasis on woody biomass met for the region of Rotenburg at the kick-off meeting of Bioenergy Promotion II in April 2012.

Project leader Aino Martikainen presented goals and structure of the extension stage project, highlighting the specific function of the new project for knowledge transfer from mainstage demo regions into other regions and the importance to feed results into policy programs, specifically taking sustainability considerations into account.

Alexander Rosenberg, project coordinator for the Rotenburg region, presented plans and ideas of the Chamber of Agriculture Lower Saxony: In Rotenburg, a regional investment into a biomass plant is in the pipeline, based on woody bioenergy from logging residues and maintenance of coppice.

In this context, simultaneously supporting the goal of knowledge transfer to neighbour regions, the following issues are planned to be further developed:

- Presentation of the regional woodchip supply chain and related stakeholders' interaction
- Fine-tuning of the MSP potential analysis
- Treatment and spreading of hardened wood ash for nutrient sustainability
- Forest-based biomass supply calculation tools for operative planning

Since the Chamber of Agriculture as project partner in day-by-day management is strongly involved in agricultural policy issues, they will also contribute to Bioenergy Promotion -related policy recommendations specifically in the context of the post 2013 Common Agricultural Policy, as far as the national involvement is concerned, in Bioenergy Promotion II Work Package 4.

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Kick-off meeting in North-Karelia

A new phase has begun in the Bioenergy Promotion project. The two-year Bioenergy Promotion 2 project will continue the work done during the main stage and will promote sustainable production and use of bioenergy in the involved countries: Denmark, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland and Sweden. Active bioenergy demo regions have been selected in these countries and these demo regions will serve as examples for other regions throughout the Baltic Sea Region. The project will utilize the results and experiences from the main stage and will further improve the strategy development and implementation on local and regional scale. The project will widely communicate best practices obtained from these regions.

In Finland involved project partners are Motiva and Tapio. They organized a kick of conference in North Karelia region on Europe Day, the 9th of May 2012 where the Finnish bioenergy targets were discussed and also how the region has succeeded in their own goals. North Karelia is a good example in bioenergy use as 63% of the total energy use in the region is from renewable energy sources, and the region has already had their own bioenergy strategy since 1991. Bioenergy use has created as much as 5000 man-years in the region.

North Karelia has many success factories for good bioenergy business. The region has a good combination of forest resources and forest-technology know-how. The attitudes of forest owners and locals towards forest bioenergy use are usually positive. In North Karelia there exists still good basis for creating new business sites for heating entrepreneurs but there are also some challenges. For example, when demand increases, the price of the raw material of the fuel rises in the region, too.

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Cooperation with Baltic 21, Council of the Baltic Sea States



Cooperation with the Baltic 21, CBSS Expert Group on Sustainable Development is the focus of task 4.2 of Bioenergy Promotion II. This cooperation is an important mechanism to ensure dissemination of bioenergy policies and to create understanding of the role bioenergy is playing within the energy sector, agriculture, rural development, business development and other fields of action.

Baltic 21, CBSS Expert Group on Sustainable Development is a multinational team comprised of persons from various government ministries and agencies from CBSS member states, numerous intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations, academic institutions, as well as local and regional governmental and sector networks. Their mission is to contribute actively towards advancing sustainable development in the Baltic Sea Region by coordinating goals and activities, and by serving as a forum for cooperation across borders and between stakeholder groups.

A key activity within task 4.2 is to carry out a Roundtable in cooperation with Baltic 21, CBSS Expert Group on Sustainable Development. It has been decided to arrange **The Bioenergy Roundtable** in conjunction with the next meeting of the Expert Group. In addition, the Expert Group has asked Bioenergy Promotion II project to develop a set of Recommendations on bioenergy for BASREC, Baltic Sea Region Energy Cooperation, as well as a set of Recommendations for BSSSC, the network of regional authorities in the Baltic Sea Region. These recommendations have been developed by members of the task 4.2 group.

It has been decided that the 6th meeting of the Baltic 21, CBSS Expert Group on Sustainable Development will be held on 20-21 November 2012 in Stockholm. This meeting will be followed by the Bioenergy Roundtable.

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Bioenergy Promotion II at BSSSC's Annual Conference

Representatives of the Bioenergy Promotion and Bioenergy Promotion II projects have been invited to give presentations at the 20th Annual Conference of BSSSC, which takes place in **Lilleström, Norway on 18-19 September 2012.**

BSSSC - Baltic Sea States Sub-regional Cooperation - is the network covering all regional authorities (in Germany the members are the "Länder") in the Baltic Sea Region. Baltic 21 / CBSS is in charge of organizing a workshop on bioenergy at the Conference. This is thus an opportunity to develop the cooperation with Baltic 21 / CBSS - as stated in task 4.2 - and at the same time reach out to the target audience of the Bioenergy Promotion projects.

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The Bioenergy Roundtable aims at creating a dialogue between the Bioenergy Promotion project and the Baltic 21, CBSS Expert Group on Sustainable Development about how to move the development and dissemination of bioenergy systems forward in the Baltic Sea Region. The Bioenergy Promotion project will present recommendations based on findings and conclusions from Bioenergy Promotion (2009-2011) and from Bioenergy Promotion II, which is ongoing until January 2014.

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Building relations to transfer regions



Boiler house in Ludza Latgale Region

An important element of the extension stage of the Bioenergy Promotion project is to carry out transfer of experience and knowledge on bioenergy planning and action from the project between experienced Bioenergy Promotion regions and less experienced non-partner regions in the Baltic Sea Region.

In order to facilitate such transfer Region Zealand and Roskilde University will visit Latgale Region in Latvia in October 2012 and identify in which way the region can benefit from the project's knowledge and findings. The aim of this "fact finding mission" is thus to establish contacts and identify how an appropriate transfer adapted to the needs and potentials in Latgale Region concerning development and dissemination of bioenergy solutions can be carried out.

As a second step of the transfer activity specific knowledge in the form of recommendations and inspiration materials will be passed on to the bioenergy actors in Latgale Region. This activity is planned to take place during the first half of 2013.

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