

Invitation to workshop in

Work Package 4 – (Sub) Regions

Theme: Bioenergy in Action

hosted by

The University of Joensuu, Finland

In cooperation with

The Wood Energy Network (Wenet)

4-7 November 2009

in

Mekrijärvi, North Karelia, Finland

BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

A Baltic Sea Region project called “Bioenergy Promotion” is now launched by the Swedish Energy Agency. The Bioenergy Promotion project aims at strengthening the development towards a sustainable, competitive and territorially integrated Baltic Sea Region in the field of sustainable use of bioenergy. The project is a partnership of 34 organizations from all countries around the Baltic Sea and will serve as a platform for cross-sectoral and transnational networking to facilitate information and knowledge exchange, coordinated policy development and design and application of bio-energy promoting instruments, as well as regional development.

As part of the Bioenergy Promotion project The Norwegian Forest and Landscape Institute is leading a project with the aim to develop regional value added chains and process chains in the domain of the biomass production (strategic management plan – biomass production concept). Further the aim is to compare developing conditions between different regions in the Baltic Sea area, and to pinpoint regional trends, tendencies and differences regarding to the main goal of a balanced Europe.

PROCESS AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES

At the second workshop (4 – 7 November 2009), we will focus on the progress of the Tasks 4.1 to Task 4.6. The workshop will discuss and define the criteria for the assessment of potential biomass utilization in each region (Task 4.2), establishment of regional network points (Task 4.3), business and industry analysis (Task 4.4), development of regional examples for practical energetic use of biomass, pilot projects (Task 4.5) and development of strategic management plans (Task 4.6).

After the workshop the conclusions will be compiled in a draft paper. This will be done primarily by the task leaders, under the leading of The Norwegian Forest and Landscape Institute.

The draft paper will form the basis for a third workshop which will take place in the first half of 2010.

Programme

Day 1: Wednesday, 4 November 2009

20:30 -21:00 Welcome and Registration at the Mekrijärvi Research Station

❖ Light meal

Day 2: Thursday, 5 November 2009

Session 1: 9:00-09:30

❖ Introduction by the WP4 Leader

Session 2: 9:30-10:45

❖ Review of Tasks 4.1 and 4.3 by the Task Leaders

10:45-11:00 Coffee and snacks

Session 3: 11:00-11:45

❖ Presentation of preliminary results in Task 4.2 by the Task Leader, and discussion of these results

11:50-12:50 Lunch

Session 4: 13:00-16:00

❖ Guided tours:

Mekrijärvi Pellet Heating Station

Vapo Oy (Integrated CHP and Pellet Factory in Iломantsi)

Wine factory (from local berries and fruits)

Session 5: 16:15-17:30

Review of Task 4.4 by the Task Leaders, and discussion of preliminary results and experiences

17:30-17:45 Coffee

Session 6: 17:45-18:30

Review of Task 4.5 by the Task Leader, and presentation of some Pilot projects

18:45 Dinner

Day 3: Friday, 6 November 2009

Session 7: 8:45-09:30

- ❖ Presentation by Wenet and the Regional Council of North Karelia

Session 8: 9:30-10:45

- ❖ Presentation of Task 4.6 by the Task Leaders

10:45-11:00 Coffee and snacks

Session 9: 11:00-12:00

Discussion of Task 4.6.

12:00-13:00 Lunch

Session 10: 13:00-17:00

- ❖ Guided tour:

Eno Energy Cooperative (energy wood harvesting, chipping, transportation, heating plant, storage and heat entrepreneurship)

Session 11: 17:15-18:15

- ❖ Discussion about next workshop and closing of the workshop

18:45 Traditional North Karelian Dinner

20:15 Traditional Finnish Smoke Sauna

Day 4: Saturday, 7 November 2009

- ❖ Bus transfer to the airport at 7:00 and 10:00

Travel to Joensuu from Helsinki and Return

	Helsinki	Joensuu	Joensuu	Helsinki
	4 November 2009		7 November 2009	
Finncomm airlines (FC) www.fc.fi	09:35	10:40	08:55	10:00
	12:05	13:05	11:30	12:35
			no more flights on this day	
	20:15	21:20		
Finnair www.finnair.com	06:15	07:05	08:55	10:00
	09:35	10:40	11:30	12:35
	12:05	13:05	18:30	19:20
	16:20	17:15	no more flights on this day	
	18:10	19:10		
	20:15	21:20		
Train www.vr.fi	10:00	14:53	05:07	09:37
	11:00 (change required)	17:00	06:07	11:00
	13:00	17:48	06:52 (change required)	13:00
	15:12	19:49	09:04	14:00
	16:00	21:03	09:10 (change required)	16:06

REGISTRATION

See annex 1 for registration guidelines for the workshop. Workshop attendance will be limited to 30-35 participants; hence early registration is recommended and encouraged.

CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT DATES

Registration form should be sent by: **10 October 2009**

Closure of registration: **12 October 2009**

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- Accommodation will be arranged by The Mekrijärvi Research Station of the University of Joensuu.
- There are 20 single rooms and 10 double rooms at the Mekrijärvi Research Station. Participants from the same organization/country can share rooms.
- Bus transport between Joensuu Airport and Mekrijärvi will be arranged.
- The bus will leave Joensuu Airport at approximately 19:20 (tentative) Wednesday November, 4.
- The program ends on 6 November 20:00 Friday
- Bus transfer from Mekrijärvi to Joensuu Airport/Train Station 7:00 and 10:00 on 7 November, Saturday.

A conference fee will cover accommodation, transport and food during the workshop. The estimated conference fee is EUR 400-450 which must be paid in cash during the check-in at The Mekrijärvi Research Station.

Travel costs back and forth to your own country must be covered by you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions regarding accommodation or other practical issues regarding the workshop can be aimed at:

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4 - 7 November 2009

Mekrijärvi, North Karelia, Finland

REGISTRATION FORM

Title and name:

Organization:

Postal address:

City:

Country:

Tel:

Fax:

E-mail:

Please indicate if you would like to share your room:

Other information (dietary restrictions, special transportation/mobility needs, etc.):

Mail the registration form to:

pradipta.halder@joensuu.fi

Please write “Workshop WP4 North Karelia” in the subject heading of the e-mail.