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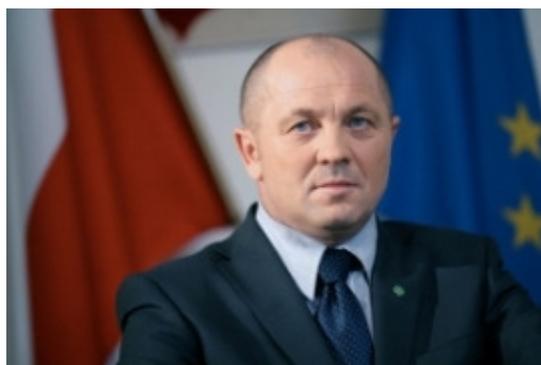
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Currently no one asks in Poland whether biogas plants should be built, the question is rather where and how to invest. Poland, as an EU member state, is facing a number of legal requirements that must be met (e.g. obligation to decrease the amount of landfilled waste and to increase the production of energy from RES<sup>1</sup>). Production of biogas in Poland, especially from agricultural waste, may help reach the above mentioned goals and simultaneously result in added value such as increase of security of energy supply in Poland and the whole Baltic Sea Region. It is also expected that investment in biogas plants will result in professional activation of farmers in the energy sector.



Mr Marek Sawicki, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of Poland

Ministry of Economy in Poland, in cooperation with Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, aims to direct Polish energy sector in the years 2010–2020 towards increased utilization of the existing biogas potential. However, before biogas plants can be erected, potential investors are most often facing a number of difficulties. A number of questions arise with respect to the scale of the biogas plant. Another barrier of technological and organizational origin is related to the potential surplus of heat and in some cases also electric power that are generated in the biogas plant. Minister Sawicki summarizes "There is still a long way ahead but first changes has already taken place – information and knowledge spread results in the change of the attitude from skeptical towards positive, among both administration and general public."

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<sup>1</sup>RES – Renewable Energy Sources

<sup>2</sup>Representative of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) participated in the Facilitation

Workshop "Biogas for Pomerania", which was organized within Bioenergy Promotion project on 10-11 May 2010 in Gdańsk, in the seat of the Institute of Fluid Flow Machinery

Picture: <http://www.minrol.gov.pl/bprasowe/index.html>



## **INVITATION - The 2nd international Bioenergy Promotion conference**

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The conference will be held in Kaunas, Lithuania **on 25th and 26th of November 2010**. It is part of the INTERREG IVB project, Bioenergy Promotion, which is co-financed by the European Union and the Government of Norway up to 2012.

The event draws upon a project conference held in Helsinki in 2009, which had a particular focus on the Renewable Energy Directive, and the National Renewable Energy Action Plans (NREAPs). This year we have broadened the scope to also cover sub-regional and business perspectives and solutions.

The objective of the conference is

- a policy dialogue on the NREAPs and their implementation including sustainability criteria
- to discuss (sub-)regional showcases and pilot projects
- to present business perspectives, models and solutions

These objectives are reflected in the following conference sessions:

- Sustainable bioenergy - EU policy framework and results from the Bioenergy Promotion project
- Implementation of National Renewable Energy Action Plans in Baltic Sea Region countries
- Good practice in cooperation between (sub)regions
- Sustainable bioenergy from a business perspective

### **Useful information**

Participation is intended for decision-makers from ministries, public authorities and agencies at national and (sub-)regional levels, representatives from business and industry, research and other bioenergy stakeholders.

The language of the conference is English and participation is free of charge. More information, programme and the registration can be found [here](#).

Please register your attendance already today, **at the very latest by 10th of November!**



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The event has been gaining popularity among agribusiness, researchers, farmers, policy makers as it provides great opportunities to show and promote novel technologies, crop varieties, machinery, as well as to exchange opinions on different policy and development issues under the realm of rural atmosphere. Exhibition was attended by the Lithuanian Minister of Agriculture, members of the Parliament, other national and local authorities.



During the exhibition, the Institute of Agriculture of the Lithuanian Research Centre for Agriculture and Forestry and the Lithuanian Energy Institute prepared a joint poster advertising the **Bioenergy promotion project**, arranged a seminar and distributed brochures [Biofuels](#) and [Solid Biomass](#).

The key focus of the discussions and main topic of the seminar on July 1st was the sustainability criteria for biomass production, distribution and use as well as the obstacles to biomass mobilisation. The seminar was attended by responsible persons from Ministry of Agriculture, researchers, businessmen and farmers. Increasing awareness of sustainability of emerging bioenergy business were the obvious themes, but different topics were highlighted by different actors. Discussions showed that there are still no ready-to go solutions and the involvement of wide circles of society into dialogue is crucial. Within this context, a set of principles and criteria developed by the **Bioenergy promotion project** proved as a useful tool for a public dissemination campaign and as a background for discussion. In addition, brochures in national language and examples of a good-practice are highly relevant promotional material for increasing informed participation of farmers and agribusiness in development of bioenergy sector with proper focus on sustainability issues.

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[Biofuels \(Biodegalai\)](#)

[Solid Biomass \(Kietasis biokuras\)](#)

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## **Invitation - Biomass for energy the theme for match-making at Agromek**

*If you are an actor interested in bioenergy from agricultural crops and animal waste Agromek is the place to visit. Gain new, personal contacts by booking meetings with foreign guests in Herning, Denmark, December 1-2.*

There is today considerable interest for converting bio mass to energy. This will also be apparent at Agromek where there will be an international match-making – AgroMatch – for those involved in the field “biomass for energy”. AgroMatch will provide opportunities for holding brief meetings with relevant parties on the special match-making stand.

Participants are required to prepare a company/personal profile and, among other things, indicate which type of cooperation is of particular interest. All applicants can study the catalogue of participants in order to discern who the other participants are. In other words, the Agromek exhibitors will be readily apparent for the other participants and one will be able to have a survey of foreign guest applications. It is therefore an easy matter to point out those participants which one could desire to book for a meeting. The match-making meetings are intended to last for a maximum of 30 minutes.

Twice every day there will also be guided tours. The tours are primarily intended for foreign guests in order to introduce manufacturers and dealers of equipment for converting biomass into energy. Guided tours and booked meetings are free of charge at AgroMatch.

AgroMatch is arranged by Enterprise Europe Network, CBMI, Agro Business Park, Region Mid-Jutland and Agromek, with the Bioenergy Promotion project as co-organiser.

Applications can be made via the website: [www.bioenergy-match.eu](http://www.bioenergy-match.eu)

Registration and submission of profiles: 17 November 2010

Booking of individual meetings: 20 November 2010

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## Event information

Bioenergy Promotion up-coming project meetings and conferences

- Project meeting: Work Package 4 – Sub-regions and Task 3.4A Sub-regional policy & Task 3.4B Assessing wood biomass use for bioenergy  
*Theme: Sub-regional development in terms of Bioenergy*
- The 2nd international Bioenergy Promotion conference 25th-26th of November 2010, Kaunas Lithuania:  
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