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## 1. Introduction

The report on networking activities covers the 12 months-period of project implementation between 1.11.2009 and 31.10.2010.

## 2. North East England Region

The networking in the region is kept as open coordination process with strong participation of the existing, well established regional networks. RDI is responsible for networking activities.

The following actions were fulfilled during the reporting period:

- Third network meeting (22.03.2010).
- Participation in the North East Biofuels meeting (26.03.2010).
- Planning of the scoping meeting for the Regional Master Plan with the key stakeholders (26.04.2010).
- Participation in four other regional networks' meetings including Northumberland Renewable Energy Group meeting (July, September 2010)
- Updating of the BEn website and Northwoods BEn webpage's separate section Promotion activities on BEn project (newsletter).
- Meetings with a student, who is working on investigating market opportunities for a biomass CHP systems in the region.
- Consultations on formulation of the Master Plan with key stakeholders.
- Informal meetings with stakeholders (contacts with new stakeholders from waste sector).

Next steps:

- Further network establishment recognizing the evolving regional / national structures that may have an influence on the future growth of the bioenergy sector
- More communication activities according to situation caused by government reforms
- Next BEn / North East Biofuels meeting (6.12.2010).

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### 3. Emscher Lippe Region

- The second network meeting: 24.02.10 - presentation of the first draft of the energy register, discussion on SWOT-analysis, presentation of the results “municipal energy sinks”, presentation of the projects in development., discussion on basics of the master plan / regional strategies
- Preparation of a project proposal called “BEM” (implementation of Biomass Manager for the Emscher-Lippe region) and then presentation of this project and potential synergies between BEn and BEM)
- Updating the BEn website and Emscher-Lippe BEn web pages
- Network meetings, informal meetings with stakeholders, interviews with companies, associations, forestry office, contacts with other initiatives and projects, participation in biomass-oriented events (workshops, conferences, congress).
- Development of questionnaires and interviewing the communities to detect energy sinks
- Presentation of the funding guidelines for biomass use development
- Cross regional exchange of experiences

#### Next steps:

- Creating networks: energy consumers and operators of biogas plant (Dorsten)
- Development of Wood Energy Plan (together with stakeholders)
- Development of further industrial wasteland for energy use (in cooperation with regional partners)
- Control of biomass flows by the Regional Association of Water Management to plant operators
- Political lobbying (to direct the biomass flows from waste sector)
- Other networking activities (cooperation with plant engineers)

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### 4. Umbria Region

Regional cooperation is under development with more official approach envisioned in the future. CRB - Centro Ricerca sulle Biomasse is recognised as the leading party of regional activities.

The following actions were fulfilled during the period

- Second network meeting: 12.10.09
- Identification of regional needs and barriers to renewable energy development and establishing the list of bioenergy actions and discussion
- Continuous cooperation of working groups
- Identification of financial resources
- Completion of the list of bioenergy actions and choosing two specific ones to WP5 implementation
- Collecting data about biomass use and availability
- Contact management with stakeholders
- Third Network Meeting: 20th of April 2010 - Updating of BEn activities, First Draft of Biomass Energy Register, Discussion on actions to be developed. A first action was already chosen: Project BiPlaN (Bioenergy Platform Network); Questionnaire

Next steps for network cooperation:

- The 4th Network Meeting: 9 November 2010
- Choosing two projects to be implemented (BiPlaN & probably support for the development of a vegetable oil cogeneration)
- Signing Letter of Support
- Providing Biomass Energy Register: many inquiries from partners on the publication
- Organising of Evolution meeting (together with RuralE)
- Involving strongly public authority (as already discussed during SWG in Guessing, at the Regional Network Meetings public body representatives were underrepresented )

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## 5. Gostynin Lake District

The regional network is based on Stowarzyszenie Gmin Turystycznych Pojezierza Gostynińskiego activities with participation of the relevant/interested stakeholders (individual farmers, local authorities, foresters). Stowarzyszenie is leading the networking activities.

- Regional tour to visit biomass installations: 2.10.2009
- Second network meeting: 16.11.2009
- Updating of stowgmin webpage separate section dedicated to the BEn project
- Identification of financial resources and preparation of financing schemes for further network cooperation and actions

- Establishing links with other regional and national actions: Mazovian Energy Agency, Coach BioEnergy project, Centers of Agricultural Advice (Kujawsko-Pomorski, Częstochowski, Mazowiecki)
- Signing an agreement with Mazovian Energy Agency: 30.09.2010.
- Signing a contract with the Regional Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management in Warsaw on: 30.09.2010. 24.000,00 zł to support the start-up of the BEn project
- Collection and verification of information on energy sinks
- Presentation and promotion of the project (flyers, posters, give-aways, such as pencils with the logo of the project)
- June 2010 - September 2010: Field study to collect information about biomass resources to update the GIS map. 2-days study tour for 30 people (members of the biomass network, representatives of local government units, farmers, experts)
- Preparation and publication educational materials about biomass. These materials were used and will be used for educational and informative purposes to be distributed to our network partners for promoting project actions
- Publishing a brochure on biomass use in the region: November 2010.
- Focusing the cooperation on key biomass issues (biogas, solid biomass): personal contacts, informal meetings between farmers, public authorities, experts were held. Installations have been selected in priority areas, biomass utilisation possibilities were discussed together with the regional representatives.

Next steps:

- Next network meeting: 13.12. 2010.
- Further regional networking including establishment of links with Energie Cités (PNEC) network and RES Championship Initiative: updating of reference cases and good examples of biomass investments
- Identification of regional activities (2 reference objects in the region to be included in bio-register + others outside of the region)
- Final endorsement of the actions by stakeholders (on the third network meeting)
- Signing further declaration on the support of the chosen biomass development directions by local communities.

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