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1. Introduction

The report on networking activities covers the first 12 months of project implementation between 01.11.2008 and 31.10.2009. In all regions regional stakeholders were identified and enlisted in Deliverable 2.1. Meetings were organised with participation of the relevant stakeholders. During the meetings the BEn project was presented and regional cooperation discussed. Plans for cooperation were proposed and put into work. Accordingly in all regions networking actions were undertaken.

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 regional networking activities.

In the reporting period the following actions were fulfilled:

- The BEn Kick-Off Meeting (11.03.2009) was organised as a part of a biannual meeting of the North East Biomass Forum. This meeting as well as two meetings with other existing networks active in the bio-energy sector in the North East England (CoRE, NREG) identified key issues and priorities areas for BEn actions.
- Second BEn network meeting was organised on 25.09.2009 with participation of public and private sector from the region. Expectations towards GIS register, data availability and focus on the Master Plan were discussed with underlining the GIS register as a basis for decision making process and development of the Master Plan.
- An update on BEn actions and project development was given to the North East Biomass Forum on their biannual meeting on 13.10.2009
- Informal meetings with the representatives of various stakeholders in the region were organised and contacts with new stakeholders from waste sector were established.
- Establishing of the Northwoods BEn web pages with separate section dedicated to the BEn regional partners; Input to the BEn website
- Promotion of the meetings and project achievements in a local newsletter
- Preparation of a google map presenting the stakeholders in the region to be published at Northwoods BEn web page

Next steps:

- Further actions on involving actors from waste and agricultural sectors and continuation of networking with new stakeholders
- Maintain existing contacts with the stakeholders via e-mail / personal meetings / round e-mails with news and information about the project achievements
- Organise next project meetings if possible jointly with the Biomass Forum meetings
- Promotion of BEn and existing bio-energy networks
- Cooperation with the bio-energy representatives from local and regional authorities
- Establishing of working groups for GIS issues and development of a regional master plan, which will involve the representatives of bio-energy networks, government agencies and local administration
- Publishing the regional biomass stakeholders map on Northwoods BEn web page; Keeping the map updated
- Keeping the Northwoods BEn web pages updated; Regularly update the Regional News section on the BEn website.

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3. Emscher-Lippe Region

The regional cooperation is based on already developed contacts and actions undertaken in the region. WiN is the leader of Emscher-Lippe Region network activities.

The following actions were carried out in the reporting period: On 28 April 2009 the first regional kick-off meeting took place in Haus Vogelsang in Datteln. 47 Participants showed great interest in the implementation of the BEn-project in the Emscher-Lippe region. The first network meeting identified four key activities:

- Implementation of Energy register (stakeholders and projects, no focus on areas potentials)
- Identification of Energy sinks, first step: public buildings
- Recording of potentials of the existing biomass
- Biomass campaign - Start of activities with high attracting interest for the region.

The following actions were taken after the network meeting:

- Publishing the regional biomass stakeholders on the BEn web page

- Regularly update of the Regional News section on the BEn website; keeping the Emscher-Lippe BEn web pages updated
- Development of questionnaires and interviewing the communities to detect energy sinks (by end of October 11 from 15 interviews were held)
- Informal meetings with the representatives of various stakeholders in the region were periodically organised
- Preparation of a project proposal called “BEM” - implementation of a Biomass Manager for the Emscher-Lippe region to support networking across the border into NRW.

Next steps:

- Keeping in touch with the stakeholders via e-mail / meetings to transfer news and information about the project achievements
- Formation of four working groups to manage the four key activities as defined during the first network meeting
- Evaluation of technical programs and legitimate use of inventories of local authorities
- Identification of financial resources and possible popular activities
- Actions to involve new stakeholders continue networking
- Second network meeting is scheduled in winter 2009/2010

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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:

- First network meeting was organised on 16.03.2009. Definition of the role and aims of the project, network structure, and specific competences of the partners were discussed. It was proposed to create three working groups (were established): technical financing and management support; legislative and administrative support; formation and information

- Second BEn network meeting was organised on 12.10.2009 with participation of public and private sector from the region (15 participants). GIS energy register, data availability and Master Plan were discussed. First draft of SWOT Analysis for Umbria Region was examined
- Cooperation of working groups to elaborate specific partners objectives based on questionnaire results was initiated
- Financial resources for biomass development in the region were identified
- List of bioenergy actions was established
- Data collection concerning biomass use and availability was started
- Identification of regional needs and barriers to renewable energy development
- Preliminary discussion about bioenergy actions in the region

Next steps for network cooperation:

- Continuous cooperation of working groups
- Identification of financial resources
- Completion of the list of bioenergy actions and choosing two specific ones to WP5 implementation
- Discussion to define a list of bioenergy actions
- Collecting data about biomass use and availability
- Keeping in touch with the stakeholders via e-mail / meetings to transfer news and information about the project achievements
- Next network meeting is scheduled in April 2010

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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.

In the first year the following actions were undertaken:

- First regional meeting was organised on 13.03.2009. 25 participants attended with representation of local administration, farmers, SMEs.

- Information on BEn project activities was disseminated among the local actors and contacts were developed during the period with continuous identification of missing actors and establishing links with other regional and national actions
- Two days tour of BEn team aimed at verification of biomass investments possibilities was organised (May, 2009) with carrying out interviews with network local actors and distribution of questionnaires (SWOT analysis)
- Organisation of regional one day tour with actors and experts to visit biomass installations (2.10.2009)
- Establishing of StowGmin webpage's separate section dedicated the BEn project
- Establishing links with other regional and national actions

Next steps:

- Next network meeting is scheduled on November 2009 – SWOT analysis, register development and selection of actions - topic oriented meetings (biogas, heating installations) with stakeholders
- Focusing the cooperation on key biomass issues (biogas, biomass), development of thematic groups
- Carrying out site visits with participation of competent experts
- Information campaign
- Developing further cooperation with involvement of new stakeholders.

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