

Dialogue with the Council of Baltic Sea States Expert Group on Sustainable Development “Baltic 21” and other policy actors in the Baltic Sea Region

The Council of Baltic Sea States Expert Group on Sustainable Development / “Baltic 21”, which is an associated partner in the project, is a key actor for disseminating policy recommendations among other transnational and national stakeholders in the Baltic Sea Region. In this co-operation three main activities have been carried out. In Stockholm the project organized two roundtables to discuss the project’s progress and results with the Baltic 21; and the project gave a presentation to an agricultural conference, co-organized by Baltic 21, in 2013 in St. Petersburg. The process has led to a set of policy recommendations, which will be further developed within the CBSS and probably, after additional dialogues, lead to additional focus on the promotion of sustainable bioenergy solutions in various political contexts during 2014, especially within CBSS and the EUSBSR.

These recommendations deal with four main topics:

1. Promotion of the Green Growth Agenda
2. Driver of Local Development
3. Renewable Energy System
4. Sustainable Bioenergy Certification System

In addition to the collaborative relations with CBSS the project has developed recommendations for the (sub)regional level. Thus the BSSSC, the network of regional governments in the BSR, has adopted a set of recommendations on developing renewable energy. The recommendations, which were developed by Bioenergy Promotion 2, were formally adopted by the BSSSC Board on 17 September 2012.

The BSSSC recommendations deal with

1. The future energy system
2. Bioenergy as a key factor
3. Planning and implementation
4. Technology and business development
5. Roles of the regions

Furthermore the project has developed recommendations and input to both BASREC and the Nordic Council of Ministers.