



The Baltic Sea Region Bioenergy Promotion project 2009 - 2012. Promotion for sustainably produced bioenergy as a growing business in the Baltic Sea Region.

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The **main objectives** of the conference were

- to have a dialogue on initiation and implementation of sustainable bioenergy concepts
- to present successful regional bioenergy regions as well as good practices
- and to discuss remaining barriers for a sustainable biomass utilization in the Baltic Sea Region.

The **presentations** of the first session had the focus on Sustainable bioenergy in the Baltic Sea Region. The **second session presentations** concentrated on Bioenergy development at the sub-regional level. In addition, the **presentations from the third session** concentrated on Integration of sustainable bioenergy on business.



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Taking into Consideration Social Aspects - Learn from: Mecklenburgische Seenplatte, Germany

“Bioenergy Region Mecklenburgische Seenplatte” is a result of a competition, initiated by the Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection in 2008, of 210 regions nationwide, whereof 25 were chosen as bioenergy regions on the base of their regional development concepts (RDC). The region Mecklenburgische Seenplatte is located in north-eastern Germany, in the south of the province Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. It was chosen as a showcase for Bioenergy Promotion for the combination of projects in the fields of basic research, energy efficiency, value supply chains and the promotion of acceptance of bioenergy.



1. Mecklenburgische Seenplatte, Germany

The RDC of the region envisages the identification, evaluation and manipulation of the production- and consumer behaviour regarding to "energy". One aim formulated in the RDC is the integration of education and awareness for sustainability and energy in the process of lifelong learning. An **acceptability study** made by Neubrandenburg University of Applied Sciences showed that inhabitants are already positive about renewable energy from their region, as long as no price increase will take place.

Different **projects** started with the aim of engagement and acceptance in the fields of climate, sustainability and bioenergy:

- Regional consultancy for biofuels in agriculture and forestry,

- Mobile educational offerings dealing with sustainable energy use (www.anu-mobil.de):-
"Young Energy Checkers" – Pupils of 4 schools study the energy consumer behavior of their schoolmates and teachers,
- "Teacher´s Regular Table" – Courses in the field of sustainable bioenergy for teachers,
- Project COOL (change of our life) – a workshop, where participants develop competences to work on problematic issues in films or music (College for Management and Design of sustainable Development GmbH),
- Establishment of the "Center for renewable energy" in Neustrelitz – an exhibition center with one experience exhibition and several special exhibitions.



2. "Young Energy Checkers"



3. ANU-Mobil

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Gdansk University of Technology, POMCERT, The Marshall Office of the Pomorskie Voivodeship, Gdansk School of Administration, IMPLASER, German Federal Ministry for the Environment and Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) were co-organizers of the conference.

The event was organized under the honorary patronage of the **Marshal of Pomorskie** Voivodeship Mr Mieczysław Struk who opened the conference and presented the key points of the Voivodeship energy strategy.

Capacity Development Workshop entitled "**Strategies and policies for sustainable biogas production and use**", held on 8th of September 2011 in the premises of IFFM PASci. was an event organized by Bioenergy Promotion project within the Baltic Biogas Forum.

The workshop targeted decision-makers representing relevant national and regional governments, governmental authorities and agencies, representatives of municipalities and policy advisory organizations from Poland and the Baltic Sea Region in the field of bioenergy.

The purpose of the workshop was to promote policy development and an exchange of experiences regarding sustainable biogas/biomethane production and use as well as corresponding strategies, programs and policies. The workshop addressed specifically the policy & strategy needs of Polish regions and municipalities.

The first part of the workshop entitled, "**Promoting biogas production and use: experiences of BSR region in policy development**" was intended mainly for the participants from the national/regional administration. It addressed the issues related to policy development, strategic tools supporting implementation of the strategy and experiences of the successful regions of the Baltic Sea Region.

The second part of the workshop, entitled "**Promoting sustainable biogas production and use: Perspective of municipality**" was intended mainly for the participants from the local administration (municipalities). Examples of how successful regions dealt with issues of legal

permits, environmental impacts, social conflicts etc. as well as different uses of the generated biogas were presented at this session.

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