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Introduction

The 1st mobilisation campaign (WP7) took place at Vecauce castle and LLU MPS "Vecauce" biogas plant in Auce, Latvia on 4th February 2009 between 10.00 and 14.00. 76 stakeholders participated in mobilization campaign and visited "Vecauce" biogas plant. The idea of the 1st mobilisation campaign was to combine the event with the internal BiG>East project meeting from 02 to 03 February 2009.

The 1st mobilisation campaign

The 1st mobilisation campaign was organized in two parts: presentation/discussion part and site visit to the first agricultural co-digestion biogas plant in Baltic States. During the first part the objectives of the BiG>East project were presented. Participants also had the opportunity to receive information about biogas developments in the EU and about possibilities to fir planning and developing biogas plants in Latvia.



The event was opened by Ilze Dzene, BiG>East project manager of Ekodoma. Domink Rutz, WIP, BiG>East project coordinator gave a presentation about the BiG>East project and Michael Koettner, GERBIO presented the current situation and outlook on biogas market in Gemany and Europe. The second part of the presentations included examples from experience from a biogas plant operator (Tobias Finsterwalder, FinsterwalderUmwelttechnik) and gave an overview on biogas situation in Latvia (Professor Dagnija Blumberga, Riga Technical University) and example for planning a biogas plant in Latvia (Heinz Prassl, Ing.Gerhard Agrinz GmbH). Finally, Iveta Grudovska, director of LLU MPS "Vecauce" gave a presentation sharing her experience of building a first agricultural biogas plant in Latvia. First part of mobilization campaign were finalized with discussion that was lead by Ilze Dzene, Ekodoma where potential biogas producers from Latvia had the opportunity to ask questions to the experts, BiG>East partners and "Vecauce" biogas plant project developers.

The second part of mobilization campaign included "Vecauce" biogas plant site visit. Due to the large number of participants, site visit were organized in four groups of interest – international participants, policy makers, potential project developers and other participants (students, private persons, etc.).



Agenda of the 1st Mobilization Campaign in Latvia is enclosed in Annex 1 of this report. Presentations are available on BiG>East project web-site: www.big-east.eu.

Discussion

The main discussion was about the "Vecauce" biogas plant experience. Potential biogas project developers were asking "Vecauce" director about the difficulties they was facing during the construction and starting the operation of their biogas plant. Participants were stressed that biogas production is complex microbiological process that depends from different aspects and that maize silage produced in Latvia could give different biogas outcome than silage produced in Germany. Participants appreciated "Vecauce" experience and their contribution as a good example for avoiding the same difficulties for future biogas development projects in Latvia.



During the discussion BiG>East experts Mr. Finsterwalder, Mr. Rutz and Mr. Prassl answered questions regarding legislation on construction of biogas plants in Germany and Austria, as well explained what are the main parameters that influence biogas formation processes in bioreactor.

Participants

The invitation to the 1st Mobilization Campaign was published on the official websites of BiG>East and Ekodoma. It was also sent to 80 targeted stakeholders from the agro-food industries and from institutions. However, the interest was higher than expected and more than 70 stakeholders registered. In total 76 stakeholders (64 external stakeholders, 12 BiG>East partners) attended the Mobilization Campaign in Auce. Full list of participants is enclosed in Annex 2 of this report.



The stakeholders represented the following organisations:

Institutional support organisations

- Ministry of Environment
- Ministry of Agriculture
- Rural Support Service
- State Environmental Protection Service
- Regional Environmental Boards (Lielrīgas reģionālā vides pārvalde, Valmieras reģionālā vides pārvalde
- Local and regional municipalities (Jelgavas rajona padome, Lielplatones pagasta padome, Jelgavas pilsētas dome)
- Investment and Development Agency of Latvia

Scientific organisations

- Riga Technical University
- University of Agriculture of Latvia
- Scholastic farm of University of Agriculture of Latvia "Vecauce"
- Rezekne Higher Education Institution
- Swedish Institute of Agricultural and Environmental Technologies

Industry

• JSC "Agrofirma Tērvete", "Alejas Group" Ltd.

Farmers and cooperatives

• JSC "LIS Jaunpils", Farm "Rudeņi", "Ozoliņi ZL", "Briogas" Ltd., Farm "Ozoliņi", individual farmers

Waste management companies

• "ZAAO" Ltd.

NGO

- Latvian Environment Protection Club
- Waste Management Association of Latvia

Biogas equipment producers

• "Host Energo" Ltd., Envitec Biogas Baltic

Consulting companies, potential biogas project developers and construction companies

• "Probus būve" Ltd., "Ojārs Āva un D" Ltd., "Būvkonsultants" Ltd., "Tierra" Ltd., "Agito" Ltd., "Asterix" Ltd., "Kvēle" Ltd., "Balteneko" Ltd., "Tierra" Ltd., "Liepājas Krasts" Ltd., "Autex" Ltd., "Tehnisko konsultāciju centrs" Ltd.

Press releases

The Mobilisation Campaign was promoted via several media. A press release on upcoming mobilization campaign was published on National News Agency (LETA) webpage in Latvian and Russian languages and further distributed through different agricultural and building Internet portals (please see the list and screenshots included in Annex 3 of this report).

Two representatives from Rural Business Journal "Saimnieks LV" participated on event and wrote an article about Mobilization Campaign in rural business Internet portal www.saimnieks.lv (please see the screenshot of Article in Annex 3 of this report) and three more articles in journals are under preparation. Moreover, a piece on the mobilization campaign was shot for 6 p.m. daily news coverage on the National TV channel.

Stakeholder feedback

Many stakeholders appreciated organization of 1st Mobilization Campaign in Latvia and those who registered for the Campaign but did not attend it apologised, registered for the BiG>East mailing list and asked for possibility to have copies of presentation materials. Different interested people contacted Ekodoma asking to provide them information on upcoming BiG>East events.

Annex I. Agenda

1st BiG>East Mobilization Campaign, Latvia

Wednesday 04 February 2009

10.00	10.05	Welcome by Ekodoma
		ILZE DZENE, SIA "Ekodoma", Latvia
10.05	10.20	The BiG>East Project
		DOMINIK RUTZ, WIP Renewable Energies, Germany
10.20	10.40	The current situation and outlook on Biogas market in Germany and Europe
		MICHAEL KÖTTNER, German Biogas and Bioenergy Society, Germany
10.40	10.55	Coffee Break
10.55	11.10	Biogas from waste material – experience from a biogas plant operator
		TOBIAS FINSTERWALDER, Finsterwalder Umwelttechnik GmbH & Co. KG, Germany
11.10	11.25	Biogas situation in Latvia
		DAGNIJA BLUMBERGA, Riga Technical University, Latvia
11.25	11.45	Planning a biogas plant in Latvia
		HEINZ PRASSL, Ing. Gerhard Agrinz GmbH, Austria
11.45 12.00 Building a biogas plant in L		Building a biogas plant in Latvia - experience from "Vecauce" biogas project
		IVETA GRUDOVSKA, LLU MPS "Vecauce", Latvia
12.00	12.30	Discussion
12.30	13.00	1 st and 2 nd group – Lunch
		3 rd and 4 th group – Visiting "Vecauce" biogas plant
13.00	13.30	1 st and 2 nd group - Visiting "Vecauce" biogas plant
		3 rd and 4 th group – Lunch

Annex III. Dissemination & Feedback

Nr.	Date	Article	Magazine/ Newspaper/ Portal	Circulation	Link	Attach- ment
1	20/01/2009	"Notiks informatīvs pasākums pašvaldību, valsts iestāžu pārstāvjiem, biogāzes projektu investoriem un attīstītājiem", Ilze Dzene ("An informative event for municipalities, governmental organizations, biogas project investors and developers will be organized")	National news agency www.leta.lv	140 000 visitors per day	n/a	Υ
2	21/01/2009	"Возможности развития биогаза в Латвии: семинар для представителей самоуправлений, государственных учреждений и инвесторов и разработчиков проектов по биогазу", Ilze Dzene ("Possibilities for biogas development in Latvia: Workshop for municipalities, governmental organizations and biogas project developers")	National news agency www.leta.lv	140 000 visitors per day	n/a	Υ
3	21/01/2009	"Aicina uz semināru par biogāzes izmantošanas iespējām" ("Invitation for workshop on possibilities for using biogas")	www.building.lv (Building portal)	5000 – 7000 visitors per day	http://www.building.lv/rea dnews.php?news_id=102 154	Υ
4	21/012009	"Seminārs par biogāzes projektu investoriem un attīstītājiem" ("Workshop for biogas project investors and develop- ers")	www.saimnieks.lv (portal for farmers and rural businessman)	~3000 visi- tors per day	http://www.saimnieks.lv/K as_Kur_Kad/5683	Υ
5	21/01/2009	"Informēs par biogāzes ražošanas un izmantošanas iespējām Latvijā", Līna Mašina ("Information on biogas production and utilization possibilities in Latvia")	www.agropols.lv (online info bulletin)	~ 100 visi- tors per day	http://www.agropols.lv/zin as.php?lev0=1&dokument s=87495	Υ
6	04/02/2009	"Zemkopības ministrijas darbinieki piedalīsies SIA "Ekodoma" rīkotajā biogāzes mobilizācijas kampaņā" ("Ministry of Agriculture will participate on biogas mo- bilization campaign organized by Ekodoma Ltd.")	www.zm.gov.lv (Ministry of Agriculture of Latvia web-site)	n/a	http://www.zm.gov.lv/kale ndars.php?id=7986	Y
7	16/02/2009	"Biogāze kā alternatīva", Maira Šlujeva ("Biogas like an alternative")	www.saimnieks.lv (portal for farmers and rural businessmens)	~3000 visi- tors per day	http://www.saimnieks.lv/Vide/5855	Υ

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		"Biogāzes ražošanas iespējas lauksaimniecībā",	Lauku biznesa laikraksts,	10000-		
8	13/02/2009	Maira Šlujeva	Nr.3 (170)	15000 cop-	n/a	N
		("Biogas production possibilities in agriculture")	(Rural Bussiness Journal)	ies		



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4 февраля 2009 года в замке Вецауце, г. Ауце, в рамках Европейского проекта "BiG-East" пройдёт семинар, посвящённый возможностям развития отрасли биогаза в Латвии, где эксперты из Австрии, Германии и Латвии поделятся опытом и идеями о производстве и использовании биогаза.

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В заключении семинара представители LLU MPS "Vecauce" поделятся собственным опытом реализации биогазового проекта и будет проведена техническая экскурсия на станцию производства биогаза "Vecauces".

Дополнительная информация и подача заявок на участие:

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