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Report on the 2nd Mobilisation Campaign in Latvia

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Introduction

The 2nd mobilisation campaign (WP7) took place at Ekodoma office premises in Riga, Latvia on 16th of March, 2010 between 10.00 and 15.00. Total number of participants was 27 and 22 of them were external stakeholders. The target group of the 2nd Mobilisation Campaign was national and regional authorities responsible for development, implementation and monitoring of environmental policies in Latvia, including representatives of institutions that deal with issuing of environmental permits for biogas plant operators.

2nd Mobilisation Campaign

Presentations of the 2nd Mobilisation Campaign were divided in three nominal parts:

- Introduction to biogas technology and overview on environmental impacts of biogas;
- Biogas state of art in Latvia, problems and solutions. Presentation of biogas showcase on poultry farm “Ķekava”;
- Biogas administrative and financial barriers. Introduction to the upcoming IEE project “BiogasIN”.

The event was opened by Ilze Dzene, BiG>East project manager of Ekodoma giving a short presentation about BiG>East project activities and results achieved. The next presentation was given by Professor Dagnija Blumberga (Riga Technical University (RTU)) where she explained basic principles of biogas production and use. Last two presentations of the first part addressed environmental aspects of biogas production and use including the information on benefits by biogas use in CHP plants (Ilze Dzene, Ekodoma and professor Ivars Veidenbergs, RTU).



Ilze Dzene, Ekodoma

Participants of the 2nd Mobilization Campaign

The second part of the presentations focused on practical aspects of biogas production – giving an overview on state of art of biogas technologies in Latvia, problems and possible solutions (Dagnija Blumberga, RTU) and one of the biogas showcases developed in BiG>East project were presented by Ilze Dzene (Ekodoma), emphasizing the environmental benefits that can be achieved with construction and operation of biogas plant at poultry farm “Ķekava”.



Professor Dagnija Blumberga, RTU

Professor Ivars Vedenbergs, RTU

The intention of the 3rd part presentation was to kick-off discussions regarding the role of national and regional administration in developing the biogas sector in Latvia. To give the base for discussions Ilze Dzene (Ekodoma) presented an overview of barriers for biogas production and use in Latvia. Since the audience of the Mobilization Campaign was the very target audience for the upcoming IEE biogas project “BiogasIN”, organizers also used the last part of the presentation to inform about objectives, preliminary activities, and expected results of the upcoming project starting in few months. Mobilization Campaign was concluded by discussions and questions.

Agenda of the 1st Mobilization Campaign in Latvia is enclosed in Annex 1 of this report.

Discussion

The main discussion was about the role of biogas technologies in Latvia and how to switch the focus from biogas production as a business project to biogas production as a waste management technology. Discussion participants concluded that extremely high feed-in tariff for biogas electricity has led to the number of low quality biogas plant projects in Latvia designed for producing as much as possible electricity and losing the initial biogas technology sustainability idea.



Participants of the 2nd Mobilization Campaign

Discussions of the 2nd Mobilization Campaign

Another part of discussions was dedicated to discuss about necessary changes in legislation, particularly regarding the transparency of waste management system in Latvia, efficiency of biogas use in cogeneration and necessary amendments in manure management legislation that would help to give priority for digestion of animal slurry over the traditional animal waste management technologies.

Third part of discussions addressed technical issues where experts from Regional Environmental Boards exchanged information and opinions about the quality of received applications for biogas plant environmental permits.

Participants

The invitation to the 2nd Mobilization Campaign was published on the official websites of BiG>East and Ekodoma. It was also sent out to 54 targeted stakeholders from environmental institutions. The interest was quite high and 23 stakeholders registered. In total 22 of them attended the Mobilization Campaign in Riga. Full list of participants is enclosed in Annex 2 of this report.

The stakeholders represented the following organisations:

- Ministry of Environment
- State Environmental Protection Service
- Environment State Bureau
- Regional Environmental Boards:
 - Lielrīgas Reģionālā vides pārvalde,
 - Valmieras Reģionālā vides pārvalde,
 - Ventspils Reģionālā vides pārvalde,
 - Liepājas Reģionālā vides pārvalde

Major part of participants represented the top management level of their organizations (directors, heads of divisions, senior experts and senior inspectors).

Press releases

Since the 2nd Mobilisation Campaign was initially foreseen only to dedicated target group (in this case – administrative stakeholders from environmental protection and environmental policy making organizations), the involvement of media was not necessary. All potential participants were contacted directly by e-mail.

Stakeholder feedback

All participants appreciated organization of the 2nd Mobilization Campaign in Latvia and asked for a possibility to have electronic copies of presentation materials. Presentations were sent by e-mail on the next day after the event. A number of stakeholders gave thanks

to organizers appreciating the valuable material and information gained during the participation on Mobilization Campaign. One of the participants – representative from the Ministry of Environment said that ideas discussed in the workshop will give bases for changing the existing environmental policy in direction of facilitated biogas use in Latvia. Stakeholders also expressed their interest in upcoming project “BiogasIN”, asking what exactly will be the four target regions of project and if there is a possibility to choose some particular region under their jurisdiction.

Annex I. Agenda

2nd BiG>East Mobilization Campaign, Latvia

Tuesday 16 March 2010

Ekodoma office, Noliktavas Street 3-3, Riga

9.45	10.00	Registration
10.00	10.15	Welcome by Ekodoma. Information on BiG>East project ILZE DZENE, EKODOMA, BiG>EAST COORDINATOR IN LATVIA
10.15	11.00	Biogas production and use DAGNIJA BLUMBERGA, PROFESSOR, RIGA TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY, INSTITUTE OF ENERGY SYSTEMS AND ENVIRONMENT
11.00	12.00	Environmental aspects of biogas production and use ILZE DZENE, EKODOMA Biogas use in cogeneration IVARS VEIDENBERGS, PROFESSOR, RIGA TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY, INSTITUTE OF ENERGY SYSTEMS AND ENVIRONMENT
12.00	12.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
12.30	13.00	Biogas in Latvia. Problems and solutions DAGNIJA BLUMBERGA, PROFESSOR, RIGA TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY, INSTITUTE OF ENERGY SYSTEMS AND ENVIRONMENT CLAUDIO ROCHAS, EKODOMA
13.00	13.30	Biogas Showcase. Poultry farm “Kekava” ILZE DZENE, EKODOMA
13.30	13.45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
13.45	14.15	Administrative and financial barriers for biogas production and recommendations on reducing them ILZE DZENE, JŪLIJA BULGAKOVA, EKODOMA
14.15	15.00	Discussions and conclusions

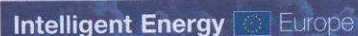
Annex II. The list of participants

Dalībnieku saraksts. 2.Biogāzes Mobilizācijas kampaņa Latvijā,
Rīga, 2010.gada 16.marts



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