

Latvian National seminar in the frame of Intelligent Energy Europe project Energy4Cohesion

Latvian National seminar “Financing of RUE and RES projects from EU Structural and Cohesion funds in the period 2007 – 2013. Limbaži region experience in the frame of Energy4Cohesion project” took place in Riga on 7th March 2007 at 10:00 - 15:00 in Goethe-Institute.

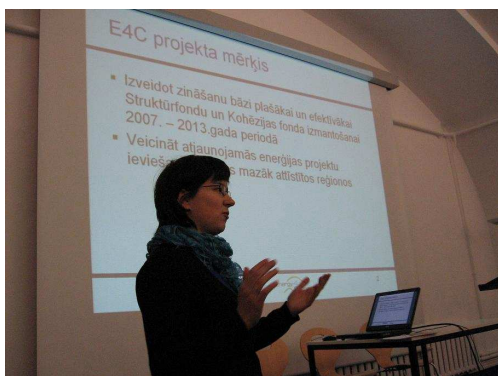
At the first section of the seminar persons and institutions interested in investments into renewable energy and energy savings projects was provided with information about possibilities, conditions and limitations of support from EU funds in the upcoming period 2007 - 2013 and the experiences gained in the previous period was discussed. At the second part participants was informed about Energy4Cohesion project activities in Latvia and ideas for Limbaži region action plan was proposed and discussed.

The seminar was organised within the framework of Energy 4 Cohesion project and was focused primarily at regional administration, municipalities and private sector representatives from Limbaži region, but also to other interested stakeholders from the region as well as other regions. There were in total 41 registered participants at the seminar.



The seminar was opened with presentations given by the representative of Latvian Ministry of Economy. The first presentation was on evaluation of the previous support period 2004 – 2006. The second presentation was on current status of preparation Operational Programmes that will provide support from Cohesion and Structural Funds to energy projects in public and private sector in the upcoming period 2007 – 2013. Presentations included actual information on supported activities, types of projects, eligibility criteria, ways of support and other valuable information which could help the regional stakeholders to prepare their project ideas before the Operational Programmes are finalised and the Calls for applications for support are announced.

This section was followed by presentations on Energy4Cohesion project. Presentation on general introduction to Energy4Cohesion project was given by project coordinator Dr. Christian Epp (WIP). In following presentations representatives of Ekodoma informed about project activities in Latvia, including development of Energy Action Plan for Limbaži region.



The seminar was concluded by presentation and discussions of Limbaži region Energy Vision and potential projects for upcoming funding period.

Further information and outputs from the Energy 4 Cohesion project are available at the project website which is located at the following address: <http://www.e4c.org>

The detailed agenda of the seminar was as follows:

Agenda of the Seminar

10:00 – 10:30	Registration of participants
10:30 – 10:35	Introduction speech <i>D.Blumberga, Ekodoma</i>
10:35 – 11:00	Experience on implementation of DH system renovation projects in 2005 – 2006 with the support of ERDF <i>Z. Melgalve, Ministry of Economy</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Latvia RUE and RES priorities for EU SF and CF in 2007 – 2013 <i>Z. Melgalve, Ministry of Economy</i>
11:30 – 12:00	Introduction on project Energy 4 Cohesion <i>Christian Epp, WIP</i>
12:00 – 12:45	Coffee break
12:45 – 13:15	Implementation of Energy 4 Cohesion activities in Latvia <i>I.Dzene, M.Rochas, Ekodoma</i>
13:15 – 13:45	Energy planning. Experience in Latvia <i>D.Blumberga, Ekodoma</i>
13:45 – 14:15	Energy plan (action plan) for Limbazi region <i>I.Dzene, M.Rochas, Ekodoma</i>
14:15 – 14:45	Project ideas for next (2007-2013) EU SF un CF planning period <i>D.Blumberga, Ekodoma</i>
14:45 – 15:00	Discussions