



## 4th Newsletter

BIO4ECO aims to improve regional and national **policy processes and policy implementation** and delivery addressing the **transition to a low carbon economy**, in relation with renewable energy use, energy efficiency of building, and forest and agricultural biomass.

Find in this Newsletter different activities the BIO4ECO project has carried out:

- **Interregional Cooperation:**
  - International Thematic Workshop in Romania. “How to increase social acceptance of bioenergy policies”
- **Regional activities:**
  - Meetings with the local stakeholders' groups (LSG)
  - Strategic Regional Programme in North Karelia
  - National Action Plan in Bulgaria
  - Participation in events
  - Seminars and Workshops in Slovenia, Ljubljana

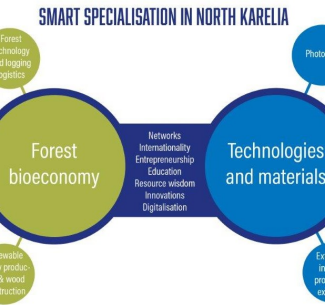


### “How to increase social acceptance of bioenergy policies”

This international thematic workshop was organized by the Regional Development Agency Centru from 6 to 9 March in Romania. During the event, participants visited biomass systems used to provide heating and biomass ovens used for bakery production. It concluded with a project management meeting." . [\[More\]](#)

### National Action Plan in Bulgaria - Energy from Timber Biomass

Forestry experts discussed the potential of timber biomass in Bulgaria for the production of heat and electric power at an interdepartmental group meeting in Hisarya. Discussions took place within the 3rd stakeholder meeting on 26th and 27th September 2017. [\[More\]](#)



### North Karelia got a new regional strategic programme

Regional council of North Karelia has completed its new regional strategic programme (POKAT2021) for 2108-2021. Its aim is to introduce the region's development objectives based on the region's potential and special characteristics. The programme combines the strategies from all levels starting from EU – level up to the local level. [\[More\]](#)



## Roadmap towards oil-free & low-carbon North Karelia

Climate and Energy Programme of North Karelia 2020, launched in 2011, has served as a groundwork for the Roadmap Towards Oil-Free and Low-Carbon North Karelia by 2040. North Karelia has set ambitious goals for its regional climate and energy sector. It has decided to abandon fossil oil used for energy production by 2020 and in traffic by 2030, and the share of renewable energy is expected to rise from 66% (year 2014) to 100%. In addition, the region aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80% from 2007 level to 2030 as an action of “Towards Carbon Neutral Municipalities (HINKU)” - Network. [\[More\]](#)

### Local Stakeholder Groups

Different LSG meetings were carried out to achieve a greater integration among the lessons learned.

[Bulgaria](#)

[Catalonia](#)

[Abruzzo](#)



### BIO4ECO at Agriculture Fair Trades in Slovenia

The Slovenia Forest Service gave a presentation in the framework of the Autumn Agriculture Trade Fair, held in Komenda from 6th to 8th October and in the Spring edition, from 23th to 25th March. [\[More\]](#)

### Workshops in Slovenia

The Slovenia Forest Service organised workshops and gave a presentation to local stakeholders. The project BIO4ECO and some contents of the Study and analysis of the national situation and policies were presented. Assistants participated in the discussion about safety work in forest and in a survey related to wood biomass situation. [\[More\]](#)



### Seminar in Ljubljana

On 23th of January the seminar on efficient use of wood for energy purposes – current situation and future challenges, was held in Ljubljana. It was organized as part of Interreg Europe project “Sustainable regional bioenergy policies: a game changer – BIO4ECO”. [\[More\]](#)

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