

Project Fact Sheet

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Boosting Bioenergy in Europe (BOOSTING BIO)

Programme area: ALTENER, Heat from renewable energy sources
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Objective: To boost bioenergy in Europe through targeted actions in 2005 and 2006

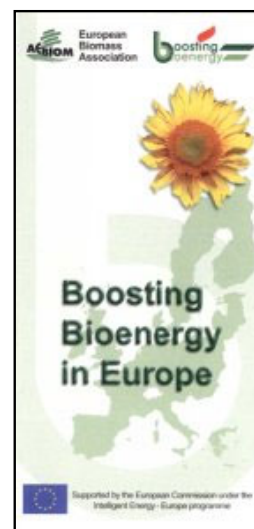
Benefits: Development of a vision for bioenergy in 7 EU Member States and consultation with policy makers and private companies

Keywords: Bioenergy vision, decision makers, market actors

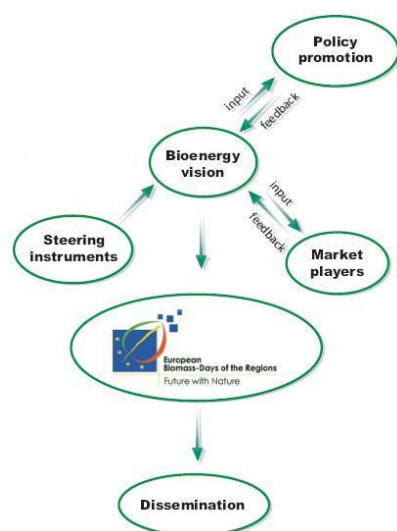
Duration: 01/2005 -12/2006

Budget: € 720,029 (EU contribution: 50%)

Contract number: EIE/04/132/S07.38592



Short description



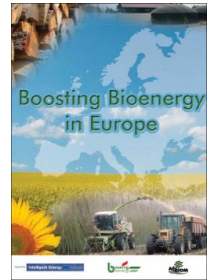
During 2005 a strategy was worked out with detailed objectives for EU for the markets for heat, electricity and liquid biofuels, using outstanding sources of information. Objectives were compared with the potential. At a national level a detailed analysis of the national objectives and trends was realised for Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Germany, Finland, France and Sweden, using national sources of information. Financial steering instruments were compared among countries and especially detailed for the countries listed above. The strategy is available as a printed brochure of the executive summary and a pdf version for the strategy report (available on project web site).

In 2006 this strategy will be confronted through interviews with the views from national decision makers and market actors, allowing to evaluate this strategy. This work also intends to initiate a debate on how to boost bioenergy in the considered countries.

The European Biomass Days have been organised in September 2005 and are planned for September 2006. It is mainly consisting of open doors to biomass plants and companies working in the biomass sector. A web site is available for registration (www.biomassdays.org).

Expected and/or achieved results

- A printed Brochure (20 pages) presenting the executive summary of the strategy report is available on request. A pdf version can be downloaded from the project web site.
- A strategy report (200 pages) presenting the vision for bioenergy and detailed objectives and proposal of new steering instruments for 7 countries (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Finland, France, Germany, Sweden). A pdf version can be downloaded from the project web site.
- Organisation of European Biomass Days to sensibelize the public towards bioenergy. These are open doors organised the last week of September (www.biomassdays.org).



Lessons learnt

Although the project has not been completed it is possible to draw the following preliminary conclusions:

- Work out a clear vision for bioenergy is a challenging but very interesting exercise. Often existing national objectives are absent or unclear (mixing for example the biomass as primary energy source with the final energy after conversion). Also the best financial steering instruments to reach the objectives are difficult to identify as they are manifold, complicate and closely intertwined.