

Växjö 2007-12-07

SEAGULL II, Baltic Energy Forum, minutes from meeting in Gdansk 2007-12-06.

Participating. Maksim Savinov and Natalia Danilkina, Kaliningrad, Ulf Andersson, Regionförbundet södra Småland, Michael Höst, Bornholm Energy center, Katarzyna Grecka, BAPE (partly), Gdansk and Hans Gulliksson, Energikontor Sydost.

Place. Hotel Mercure Hevelius, Gdansk

Program,

The meeting is part of the final meeting for Seagull II project.

The agenda for the ERB Energy Forum meeting was

- minutes from Gdansk some comments HG
- list of possible project cooperation, comments
- a regional energy balance from each region
- seminar in Klaipeda, program and date, HG
- work in Seagull II left, Ulf A.
- Other questions

1. Background and welcome.

Ulf A, Region south Småland and member of Seagull II project overall, made a short introduction and said welcome. In Seagull II was a wish to develop a ERB Energy Forum and to work strategic with energy issues around the Baltics.

2. Presentation of the participants

Ulf Andersson, Maxim Savinov, Katarzyna Grecka and Hans Gulliksson are presented in the last minutes. New are Natalia Danilkina who work for a university in Kaliningrad and the city of Gusev. Michael Höst work with energy information on Bornholm.

3. Seagull II- introduction

Mr Ulf Andersson made a presentation on the general work in Seagull II and the eight parallel working groups, where energy is one. Board with 5 members, president Mr Bernt Johnsson, Blekinge, council with 45 persons and secretariat in Elbalg, Poland.

Energy Network, work with EU policies, studies and analysis. Meetings face to face and via Internet

4. Euro region Baltic and ERB Energy Forum.

Regionförbundet Södra Småland with Ulf Andersson is responsible for the future work within the energy network ERB Energy Forum with the support of Energikontor Sydost AB, Hans Gulliksson in the work with energy issues.

For the period 2005-2007 in ERB Energy Forum the top priority questions was

- to create a regional energy policy and an energy plan for all parts of the ERB, to prepare and implement various energy goals
- to arrange high level annual energy conferences within the ERB area
- to compile and estimate energy statistics in the ERB region and its sub-regions
- to build a platform for running business development projects within the energy area
- to form an expert panel for estimating the different regional energy projects
- to promote regional activities within the energy field both internally and externally for the ERB region
- to initiate the establishment of regional energy offices in co-operation with the EU within the framework of the Save program.

5. Discussion about future project.

Continuation in the project is agreed using the following tools

- Internet meetings and keep up the network
- Common applications in Interreg IV A and B, IEE and other EU programs.
- Regional energy plan needs to be developed in all regions
- Common seminars in different topics

Regarding applications for Interreg IV A and B there are some difficulties to include Kaliningrad as a regular partner. One possibility is to include as experts for seminars and special studies under other partners.

There will be no general money for networking so this work has to be included in different future common projects. This means that we need to stress to make some application and they shall be successfully evaluated to be the base. Every region in the network has to be responsible for at least one application.

In the meeting in September 2007 we agreed on that the base for the discussion is the four the areas

- Energy efficiency
- RES renewable energy sources
- Transport
- Knowledge enhancement.

Projects marked “green” is pointed out as been worked with in the first round.

Energy efficiency (EE)

a. Regional energy strategy planning and regional development using energy as a tool, “Green cities and regions” studies. This is a prioritised topic for the group, a discussion is that we will cooperate with swb Netze Bremerhaven GmbH & Co. KG, Ulrich Müller who is planning an application within Interreg IV A or B and want some partners from the BSR region. ESS ist he contact. Kaliningrad see some

problems, maybe some municipality can join. There is a similar project with the B7 group.

b. Renovation of public buildings in the energy sector. Also prioritised, no responsible part for application, maybe Klaipeda. In Kaliningrad a mr Zickel is interested.

c. Renovation of block houses and social buildings. This is not in the first round but is of general interest so we keep it open for future applications.

Knowledge enhancement

a. Broad awareness campaign in the energy sector for private, public and industrial sector. Strategic and professional over a couple of years. This one of the most important and difficult issues and we discussed starting with using a Danish campaign Green shops as a base for the project. All partners are interested in taking part and Bornholm is potential lead partner.

b. Energy in schools- campaign- study tools- teachers- pupils. Strategic and long lasting. Using some experiences from earlier with a project called green Circle schools. Regionförbundet södra Småland can be responsible. Cooperation with regional science centers, using schools as the tool for broad awareness in the society.

Transport

a. Tramline study- feasibility, research and action study. There is interest from Gdynia, Warmia Mazury, Klaipeda and Växjö. Not yet decided who will be able to be lead partner. Also ask for cooperation with UBC.

b. Introduction of biofuels to public transport sector, we keep a low profile in this at the moment

c. Mobility Management networking an regional agencies. This a prioritised area to start a regional work using regional Mobility Management centers in all regions. Energikontor Sydost will be responsible-

Renewable energy sources (RES)

a. Windparks energy studies and implementation. This is on it its way in a application in Interreg IV C in cooperation with Bad Doberan region.

b. Transnational electricity grid connection (SE/Lith), this is a topic especially for Lithuania and Sweden and will be discussed later in December.

Bioenergy for District heating and block boilers, Solar for electricity and hearing, Hydro energy

The three will be gathered in a RES application together. There is a big interest for this sector from all partners. We have not yet found a lead partner for an application

6. Summary

The group has after a slow start a good and fruitful discussion which can be developed in upcoming applications mentioned above.

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