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PRESS RELEASE

Project NEXT: Presentation of Feasibility study for the use of biomass in order to utilize wood waste

Regional Economic Development Agency for Herzegovina – REDAH is organizing, on Monday 17.11.2014., presentation of Feasibility study for the use of biomass in order to utilize wood waste, for the purposes of Wood Cluster Herzegovina.

Main objective of this activity was to support wood cluster in utilizing wood waste, biomass and to create the Feasibility study for the use of biomass.

In that sense, following results are expected:

Creation of a study that will analyze the existing wood processing companies or other categories of companies whose production processes generate solid wood waste - biomass, which is linking them in a network of potential regional suppliers. Furthermore, testing the reliability and long-term capacity (10 years) for supply of biomass. Results of the study will include assessing the annual quantity of solid wood waste - biomass by types, energy potential, methods of collecting and processing and assessment of market prices. Based on the analysis of the data collected, proposals for the use of biomass will be given, which bring the greatest economic and social benefits (such as heating, cogeneration, power plants, pellets).

The objective of this study is to evaluate the potential of biomass in the Herzegovina-Neretva Canton, as well as the potential of biomass that is accessible by the largest wood processing company in the area of Herzegovina.

As part of the Feasibility Study is necessary to perform quantification of the structure of solid wood waste - biomass that can be used for energy purposes.

The study covers a detailed analysis of the existing wood processing companies in Herzegovina, and beyond, as well as commercial companies engaged in the management of forest areas in the region of Herzegovina, but also in the area of wider FB&H. The study has been recognized as necessary and was done in the framework of project Collaborative platforms to support research and technology transfer - NEXT.

NEXT, project co-financed through ETC program “CBC IPA Adriatic 2007-2013”, involves 11 partners. Lead beneficiary of the project is Marche Regional Authority – Innovation,

Research and Competitiveness of productive sectors Unit, other final beneficiaries are Puglia Region – Economic Development Department – Research and competitiveness unit, Regional Council of Shkoder, Foundation “Partnership for Development”, Istrian Development Agency, Regional Economic Development Agency for Sumadija and Pomoravlje, Association for Economic Development REDAH, City of Šibenik, University of Donja Gorica, Faculty of Information Systems and Technologies, Faculty of Agriculture and Food Technology-University of Mostar, Chamber of Economy of Montenegro) and 2 Associates (Mountain Area Development Agency- Albania and Italian National Agency for invar investments and business development – INVITALIA S.p.A., based in 6 different countries (Italy, Albania, Croatia, Serbia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro).

The project NEXT foresees to set up a platform that can be shared among actors of the Adriatic region, with the aim of integrating strengths present at regional level and fostering cooperation, with a focus on its economic results. The platform will provide both on line and offline services, targeting local authorities and institutions, stakeholders as Universities, research centers, technology transfer centers and SMEs and last but not least, investors.

Presentation of the Feasibility study for using biomass in order to utilize wood waste will be held on Monday, 17.11.2014., at 13:30, in the premises of Technology Park Intera in Mostar, Oslo Hall, at the first floor.