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Bioenergy from forests Rural Development Programmes and forest-based bioenergy

October 25-27, Punkaharju, Finland

The Finnish National Rural Network, in collaboration with the European Network for Rural Development (ENRD), three Leader Action Groups and Finnish forest expert organizations is organising a three day event to describe, analyze, discuss and get acquainted with forest-based bioenergy issues. What kind of forest-based bioenergy development is taking place in different Rural Development Programmes? What will be the future of forest-based bioenergy in EU?

The target group of the seminar are:

- LAGs and NRNs
- Governmental institutions
- Forest-based bioenergy experts and developers
- Entrepreneurs and firms from the forest sector
- Associations and NGOs
- Researchers and academics

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Day 1 - Tuesday October 25

- 9.00 Opening of the seminar in Lusto
NRN Finland
- 9.15 European renewable energy policy
(tbc)
- 9.45 ENRD forestry initiative: Rural Development Programmes and forest-based bioenergy
Fabio Cossu, ENRD Contact Point
- 10.10 Outcomes of the RomaForest2011 seminar
Danilo Marandola, Italian National Rural Network
- 10.30 Break
- 11.00 Means and methods of utilising bioenergy
- 11.30 Forest-Based Bioenergy in Finland
Professor Antti Asikainen, Finnish Forest Research Institute
- 12.00 Lunch (*at participant's expense*)



13.30 Best practices: forest-based bioenergy and rural development

Finland:

Bioenergy Coordination Project

Airi Matila, Forestry Development Centre, Tapio

Developing forest-based bioenergy entrepreneurship in Eastern Finland,
Lasse Okkonen, North Karelia University of Applied Sciences

Examples from other countries/RDPs.

17.00 Tour of Lusto, Cocktails and evening program at Lusto

21.00 End of the day 1

Day 2 - Wednesday, October 26

9.00 - 20.00 Study trip: Heat from forests

During the trip the whole production chain of forest-based bioenergy will be introduced:

- From forest to heat business models (experience from Savonlinna region)
- Farm visit (large scale production of high quality fuel wood for the markets)
- Visit to the bio-power CHP Plant in Savonlinna
- Environmental effects of bioenergy use

(Lunch during the study trip will be at participant's expense)

Traditional sauna-evening with dinner

Day 3 - Thursday, October, 27

8.30 Workshops: The role of bioenergy in rural development

- Innovations
introduction by Mika Muinonen, Miktech
- Entrepreneurship
- Operation models and profitability
introduction by Lasse Okkonen, North Karelia University of Applied Sciences
- Building know-how

11.30 Wood energy in rural development: current situation and post 2013 period
Tamas Szedlak, Euro Commission, DG Agri

12.15 Closing of the seminar

12.30 Lunch (*at participant's expense*)



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Language:

The seminar language is English. Translation will not be provided.

The seminar will take place in Lusto <http://www.lusto.fi/>, the Finnish Forest Museum and Information Centre, which is located in Punkaharju <http://www.punkaharju.fi> in south-eastern Finland at the heart of the Saimaa district.

The seminar and the study trip are free of charge. However accommodation, travel costs or meals are not included and will be at participants' expense.

Registration:

Please, register on our website before 14th of October:

[link to registration form](#)

(<http://www.webpolsurveys.com//S/A17707454A42E71E.par>)

For further information:

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Transportation:***Railway:***

There is train connection from Helsinki to Punkaharju, please visit: www.vr.fi for further information

Flights:

The nearest airport is in Savonlinna

There will transportation organized from Savonlinna airport to Punkaharju (distance 30 km).

Accommodation:

The organizers have ensured a reservation quota in the following hotels:

Hotel Kruunupuisto, Villa Urhola, www.kruunupuisto.fi

- double 61 €/person/night

- single 96 €/night

Reservations before October 3th: myyntipalvelu@kruunupuisto.fi or
+358 15 775 091

Punkaharjun Valtionhotelli, www.punkaharjunvaltionhotelli.fi

- double Superior 70 €/person/night

- single Superior 140 €/night

- double Standard-huoneessa 55 €/person/night



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- single Standard 110 €/night
 - double (toilet and shower in the corridor 40 €/person/night
 - single (toilet and shower in the corridor) 80 €/night
- Breakfast is not included in these prices. Breakfast costs 10 €/person.

Reservations: info@punkaharju.fi or +358 20 752 9100

Hotel Rantakatti, www.maatilamatkailumannila.com

- rooms 80 €/night

Reservations before October 1st:

maatilamatkailu.mannila@co.inet.fi or +358 15 644 265

If you have any questions or troubles in finding accommodation, please contact
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