

BIO4ECO



THE PROJECT

SUSTAINABLE REGIONAL BIOENERGY POLICIES: A GAME CHANGER

The Regional Council of North Karelia (Finland) participates in BIO4ECO, a European project on sustainable regional bioenergy policies and the growth potential of bioeconomy. The project aims to improve regional and national policy processes and policy implementation while addressing the transition to a low carbon economy by promoting the use of renewable energy (especially forestry and agricultural biomass) and the energy efficiency of buildings. It is based on learning processes at the local and international level: the project has organised interregional and local meetings, thematic workshops, study visits and workshops to facilitate the learning process.

In North Karelia, the project concentrates on achieving the targets of the region's Climate and Energy Programme. So far, the concrete outputs of the project in North Karelia are an analysis of the current state of the forest bioeconomy in the region, developing a regional Smart Forest Bioeconomy Strategy and an Action Plan to facilitate the implementation of forest bioeconomy strategies and programmes. The project is now in its second phase (10/2018–09/2020), which focuses on implementation of the Action Plan.

Objective

In addition to developing a new Forest Bioeconomy Strategy, other concrete objectives in North Karelia are: 80 % reduction in CO² emissions by 2030 and increasing the annual turnover of the bioeconomy sector from 1.7 bn EUR to 2.7bn EUR by 2025.



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