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Regional Info Day



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The Energy Centre Nonprofit Limited Company, the Hungarian partner of the 4biomass project, had the pleasure to inform interested stakeholders about the progress of 4biomass project. The Hungarian National Info Day was organized at RENEXPO- Central Europe in Budapest on 5th-7th May 2011.

Hungary is having the EU presidency in the first half of 2011 and RENEXPO was an official event within the European Union presidency programs. This was the fifth fair and conference organized by RENEXPO in Budapest and it is a well known place to discuss renewable energy and energy efficiency related issues within Central and Eastern European region. The patron of the event was Mr. Péter Olajos the Deputy State Secretary of the Ministry of National Development responsible for Green Economy and Climate Policy, who also gave the opening speech.

Energy Centre was present at the event with presentations and a stand.



Image1: Stand of Energy Centre

During the 3 day exhibition the 4biomass project team of Energy Centre gave information to the interested visitors about the goals and progression of the project 4biomass. It was very valuable to appear at the Energy Centre stand with the 4biomass project because useful information was given to potential applicant on available EU and national funding for renewable energy and energy efficiency.

Hungarian and English flyers and other materials such as the available reports - done as the results of the project - were provided. 4Biomass pencils with the project and funding program logos were also distributed among visitors.

Helpful staff of Energy Centre was available for questions related to the sustainable use of biomass and were open for discussing different issues concerning bioenergy and renewable energy. The event was intended to raise awareness for the project.

During the three day exhibition around 100 people visited the stand.



Image2: Dorottya Hujber and Tamás Simon at the stand

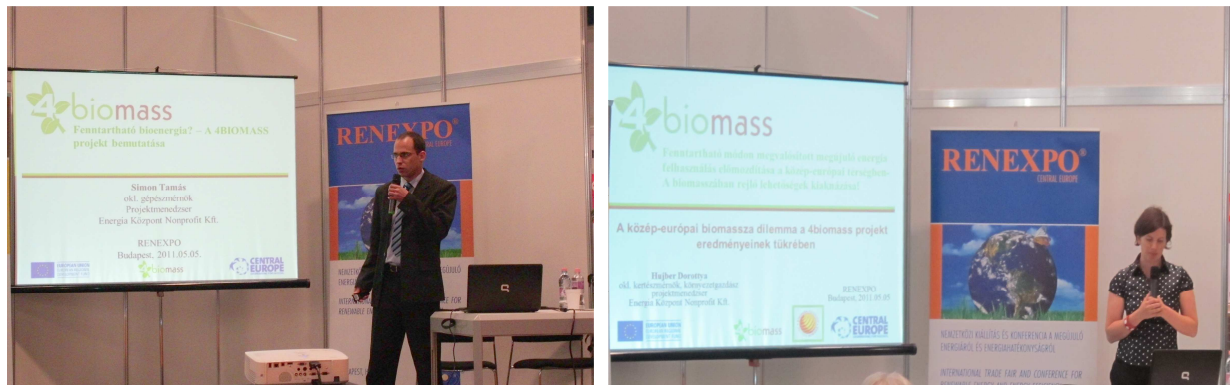


Image3: Presentations of Tamás Simon and Dorottya Hujber

The presentations were given in the main exhibition hall in the frame of the Professional Forum. The location of the forum gave us the opportunity to reach many interested people who came directly for the presentations, but also those who were walking around the hall.

Tamás Simon the project manager of the 4biomass project first gave an overview on the Hungarian energy sector and on the future EU requirements. As the title of his presentation indicated – *Sustainable bioenergy? Introducing the 4biomass project* – he made the audience familiar with the 4biomass project. He explained the purpose of the project and the goals that it intends to achieve. At the end of the presentation a few demo project examples from Central Europe was demonstrated.

Dorottya Hujber gave some insights on the achieved results of the project in her presentation, which had the title: *The Central European biomass dilemma in the light of the 4biomass project's results*. The main focus was on the findings of the country studies, the stakeholder dialogue and the biomass trade studies. She also explained the process how all these findings will result in a Transnational Action Plan, which will be handed over to governmental representatives.

Based on the statistics of RENEXPO organizers, the participants of the event were coming from various sectors in Central and Eastern Europe, such as trade, energy consultation, industry, engineering companies, universities, decision makers etc.

Discussion took place outside of the forum area after the presentations and mainly at the stand of Energy Centre. Deeper discussion was carried out with other bioenergy related international project partners and stakeholders interested in energy plantation.



Image4: Audience

Energy Centre believes that the Hungarian Regional Info Day was a success, because we were able to inform regional and local stakeholders about the opportunities that 4biomass can provide them.