



1. BELIEF workshop for the New Member States and Candidate Countries: 21-22 January, Riga (LV)

List of offers/demands for local actors

Among the participants of the workshop were the representatives of the Latvian Investment and Development Agency, Ekodoma, Riga City Council, Philips, Kaunas Regional Energy Agency, Ministry of Economics Department of Energetic and many other local actors.

The participants did not have any experience with setting up of a forum or development of an energy action plan. Therefore it was decided to investigate during the working groups:

- activities of different participants,
- possible problems and barriers they encounter within their activities,
- possibilities of partnerships creation and development (start up of the Forum),
- how to involve municipalities to make their actions a part of a wider energy action plan.

Activities, possible problems and partners identified:

- a. **Building a sustainable model house in Latvia.** Problems with involving municipality and financing. Possible co-operation with building company, Philips, consultants.
- b. **Energy efficient street lightning, LED's.** Problems with financing. Possible partnerships with Philips, municipalities.
- c. **Lighting in schools and offices.** Problems with financing and awareness raising. Partnerships with Philips, consultants, SME's, municipalities.
- d. **Pilot project regarding alternative (bio) fuels.** Part of the European project within the IEE programme.
- e. **Creating laws to support CHP, use of Biomass, ESCO's** by the responsible ministry in Latvia. Important for all partners.
- f. **Communication** as a very important instrument. Awareness raising for the whole country, **brochure with the best examples.** History and culture of a country play an important role. It is expected that it will take quite a long time to overcome the barriers.
- g. **Creation of the Regional Energy Agency in Riga** and development of Sustainable energy action plan. Possible partnership with Ekodoma (consultancy, development of feasibility studies and plans, etc).
- h. **Improvement of energy efficiency in Riga housing stock.** Demand for partnership with the construction companies, insulation companies, association of industries.
- i. **CHP and biofuels** utilisation in Riga.
- j. Organisation of the **annual exhibition on energy** by Riga City Council, possible partnership with Latvian Investment and Development Agency who organise a conference on how to develop sustainable energy action plans.

After the workshop the partners were asked to exchange their business cards, encouraged to create the partnerships and start up the process of the Forum.