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In September the European tour of the DanubEnergy project has arrived in the Poznan region



All process steps of the IFBB technology are demonstrated in action, here the gras-briquette production.

The Polish partner of the DanubEnergy project, the Department of Grassland and Natural Landscape Sciences of Poznan University of Life Sciences, has organised a series of workshops connected with demonstrations of the mobile prototype plant. The workshops are open for a wide range of stakeholders and with free admission. Aim is to provide participants with detailed information about the DanubEnergy project, knowledge about the PROGRASS® approach and demonstration of the innovative technology “Integrated Generation of Solid Fuel and Biogas from Biomass” (IFBB) in form of mobile plant prototype “Blue Conrad”. The workshops will be held in Brody (near Poznan) on 16,17, 18 and 19 September 2014 (four, one-day events). In order to obtain the registration form and more information, the Project Team invites you to contact: danubenergy@up.poznan.pl.

DANUBERGY at the International Summer University in Karnitz (Germany)

DanubEnergy was presented as a reference project at the International Summer University in Malchin/Karnitz to an international audience from DE, GR, IT, FR and also from Serbia, Chile and Ecuador.

The Summer University (SUI) dealt with “trans-media story telling on climate change”, or maybe more clearly with the question how climate change (mitigation and adaptation) can be communicated in a cross-media (films, biography and photo exhibitions, “new media” incl. video and audio stories). The idea is to create a climate awareness and climate culture and eventually attract also those people who are normally not so much interested in it (beyond the target groups of science and NGOs).

As the main theme the SUI dealt with biodiversity there are ideal “rabbit and cheese holes” (which is a specific term in trans-media story telling for cross-media channels and interfaces with other climate stories) between the summer university and the PROGRASS stories from the DANUBENERGY regions.

The delegates from the project carried out 2 excursions in the wetlands near the “Kummerower lake” which is a



Landscape of the wetlands around the Kummerower See (lake).

wetland area that is about to be re-naturalated. Regional stakeholders have been very much interested in IFBB and the PROGRASS approach to support extensifying of these wetlands.

Based on the meeting with the organisers and the students of the SU an intensive collaboration has been set up leading to the possible integration of the area of the Malchin lake (in the German state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern) with large wetland areas stretching towards the Polish boarder and



the Baltic sea in the PROGRASS network.

Another visit to Malchin was carried out and both the city and the College for Managing Sustainable Development (KMNE) and the climate culture communication lab (CCCL) in Berlin will join a project group working on the renaturing of mires (fenns) supported by the concepts developed in PROGRASS and DANUBENERGY. Eventually also the new friends from Malchin and Berlin will join our conference in Baden-Baden and the Bodensee (7-9/10/14) and collect your regional stories and transform them in web-based pieces of “docu-arts”. Looking forward to meeting you soon!

Announcement: PROGRASS conference at Karlsruhe and COMBINE conference at Radolfzell

1st interregional conference of the PROGRASS network in Karlsruhe and Lake Constance, Germany in October 7-9, 2014, PLEASE REGISTER NOW!

The first European Conference of the PROGRASS network is organised by the projects DANUBENERGY and COMBINE.

Here you can find the [Preliminary Programme](#)

Its main goal is to gather stakeholders at local, regional, national and EU-wide levels that wish to enlarge and exchange their knowledge about the IFBB technical approach and about its potential socio-economic impacts on their specific regions.

The 3-day event “Bioenergy for Green Regions in Europe” is a combined conference and workshop and will address the following topics:

Day 1: State of the art: the PROGRASS concept and the IFBB technology;

Day 2: Perspectives: new input materials, biomass recovery areas, socio- innovation

Day 3: Networking and joint project development

Each day can be booked separately! Please use the [online registration form](#).

Target audience: experts from science and practice, environmental associations, operators of central heating systems (e.g. municipalities, private energy suppliers), investors, energy advisors, farmers, farmers' cooperatives, NGOs, political and administrative stakeholders at local, regional, national or European level, etc.

Registration deadline: September 30th, 2014 – No conference fee – travel and hotel costs as well as the social event are not included (coffee break/lunch provided, excursion included). List of hotels and travel information can be found [here](#).

Please note the limited number of participants for the event. Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis according to the chronological order of registration.

We look forward to meeting you in October!

The Coordination Team



Czech excursions to Baden-Baden

Experts from the Zlín region have visited the technical services of the municipality of Baden-Baden, which operate not only a waste water treatment plant and a compost facility, but produce also briquettes from grass. Interested persons from Moravia who want to get to know more about the production of grass briquettes and who had no opportunity to participate in this excursion can still visit a mobile demonstration unit in the area of the municipal technical services of Zlín between 16.04.+23.04.2014

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Czech delegation together with the head of the Environmental Technique plant Bernhard Schäfer (left) .

The "command center" of the Baden_Baden plant.



Inlet station (left) and material pulper (right) of the IFBB processing.



Info on partner project COMBINE

Demonstration events in the complementary Northwest Europe Project “COMBINE” started successfully

Not only the Central European countries are interested in the innovative technology of the IFBB system, which produces a storable solid fuel from so far unused biomass. The Northwestern member countries of the EU are also very keen to use their biomasses for renewable energy recovery. That's why a comparative project to DANUBENERGY started in the NWE INTEREG IVb Programme which is named “COMBINE” – an acronym for the project title “Converting organic matters from European urban and natural areas into storable bio-energy”. The project focuses on the use of biomass from urban areas such as road side cuts and also on the use of invasive species in natural areas such as bracken and gorse as a feedstock for the IFBB system. The mobile prototype which is used to demonstrate the technology in demo events and conferences will also be used in this project. It travels to Wales, Belgium and France. The first demonstration events in Wales took already place in November 2013 with roundabout 100 visitors in 4 demonstration days on the farm of the COMBINE project partner, the National Trust, in Hafod-y-Llan. The farm is situated at the foot of Mount Snowdon, the highest mountain in Wales and manages more than 1000 ha of upland grassland and is currently equipped with a big power plant for hydro-power. The visitors enjoyed their stay in the nice scenery of the landscape and also the skillful presentation of experts on roadside-cut, the IFBB technology and a walk and talk to the new hydro-power plant. The mobile IFBB prototype “blueConrad” was successful in demonstrating the technical approach. The media interest was very high, two radio interviews were recorded. The next demonstration days will be held in Wales in March 2014, in the meantime visitors can visit the prototype and get an experienced tour through the plant by the Welsh COMBINE partners. The prototype will return to Central Europe right in time for the upcoming events in Slovenia.

Links:

The official Homepage of COMBINE:

<http://www.combine-nwe.eu/>

The HPs of our UK Partners:

Severn Wye Energy agency:

<http://www.severnwyenergy.org.uk/>

Cwm Harry Land Trust:

<http://cwmharry.org.uk/>

National Trust: <http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/>



Visitors at the mobile demonstration plant at the National trust farm in Hafod-y-Llan



Presentation of the COMBINE project and results from the forerunner project PROGRASS by Meike Piepenschneider (University of Kassel).

Author: University of Kassel

Contribution to the Central Europe Project Book

Project partner AGIRE together with the lead partner has **contributed to the CENTRAL EUROPE Project Book**.

The aim of the book is to present **portraits of all approved CENTRAL EUROPE projects**. The book will visualise project results, spread news about pilot actions and raise awareness about how the partnership brought benefit to the CENTRAL EUROPE regions and its citizens.

The book will mainly be **targeted at stakeholders** of the programme on all levels but will also be available to beneficiaries and the general public in both a printed and an online version. In order to allow readers to either thoroughly read through the report or only flip through it to get a brief overview, **various levels of reading will be introduced**. This will influence the layout and choice of photos but also depend on a concise and coherent structure of the whole book and single articles describing different projects and themes.

Author: AGIRE

