BEAC-workshop. Relevant activities of BEAC Joint Energy Working Group

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Main points in process

- New co-chairmanship from 2008/2009 - (Nor and Arkh)
- Broad consensus on direction of work
- ToR was confirmed in sept 2009 (EWG) and october (CSO)
- Energy efficiency and renewable energy
- New policy relevance with conclusions from BEAC competitiveness ministerial. 18-19 May 2010

• The ’twin policies’ of Energy efficiency and renewable energy in the core of policy focus on European level
• On balance more focus on EE currently than in past
• Major objectives and policy drivers behind EE/RE-policies are:
  
  – Mitigating climate change
  – Improving security of supply
  – Competitiveness and industrial/regional development

which means ”win-win-win” and steps towards an eco efficient economy

Acts

- BEAC JEWG – 12 May 2011
- Co-chairs: A. Lukin (Arkhangelsk Regional Administration) and Mr. Vetlesen (MPE-Norway)
- Both key actors on central level as well as regional actors
- High level on regional participation from Arkhangelsk.
- Nordic countries and EU Commission. Broad participation from S, F, N, financing institutions NEFCO, regions in NW-Russia.
- Mobilize regional actors and facilitate crossborder activities
- Representatives from energy efficiency centers.
- Back to back with workshop 11 May 2011

• 1. Follow up to the competitiveness Council in Umeå.
   – Energy efficiency and renewable energy as part of Eco Efficient Economy
   – CENTEK report – concrete ideas for further work

• 2. Round table statements by members of BEAC JEWG:

• Russia (federal and regional reports)
  – New federal law in Russian Federation
  – New organization/Russian Energy Agency and 69 regions
  – New target 40 percent EE improvement in 2020
  – Bioenergy significant in particular in Komi
  – The number of Russian MoUs had increased
Round table contd.:

- Finland: Finish - Russian Energy Club. Focus on EE and RE
- Sweden: Special financing mechanism in Barents Window and SIDA
- Norway: MoU on Energy Efficiency signed in april 2010
Outcome of meeting 12 May 2011

• 3. Status from EU Commission
  – Energy Strategy 2020
  – Energy Roadmap 2050
  – External partnerships and dialogues on energy
  – Dialogue between the RUF and the EU. Thematic group on EE
  – IFI’s as EBRD and EIB
  – Tools like TAIEX (Technical Assistance and Information Exchange Instrument)
  – R & D FP 7. Some projects with third countries
• 4. NEFCO activities on EE and RE

  – Energy hot spots portofolio
  – Work closely with BEAC ENV WG
  – "Bundling of projects" to make them relevant for reporting under global climate regime post Kyoto
  – Delivered concrete and good results
  – NW Russia ->>> key area together with Ukraina and the Baltic countries

• 5. Nordic Council of Ministers energy cooperation

  – Cooperation with NW Russia high priority
  – Sponsors of workshops to facilitate crossborder cooperation on EE and RE
  – Workshops in 2009 and 2011.
  – Workshop planned for in 2012 with focus on ESCOs, agencies and EE centers.
BEAC JWGE – Next steps and scope for improvements

• From ideas to action
• Synergies between BEAC work and the various MoUs
• New EE legislation and agencies provides for opportunities
• Better systems for networking across regions
• Continue information exchange on best practice policies
• Scope for improvement in participation from Nordic regions
• Municipalities in NW Russia target for EE improvements
• Welcome further focus on energy hot spots from NEFCO
• Role of ESCOs, agencies and centers. New workshop/back to back with BEAC JEWG in autumn 2012