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Eco4Life - South Baltic Network for Environmental and Life Sciences to Boost Cross Border Cooperation

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ScanBalt BioRegion: Laying the tracks for a Health and life science "macro" region. For ten years now the Baltic Sea area initiative ScanBalt BioRegion is striving to turn Northern Europe into a globally recognized health and life sciences "macro region". With remarkable success.

It was quite an event when the ScanBalt initiative met for its anniversary session on the German sea side resort of Heringsdorf, close to the Polish border: more than 240 registered participants from 24 countries joined an ambitious and inspiring conference discussing the prospects of the EU flagship ScanBalt Health Region and its key project BSHR HealthPort, the work of environmental focus projects like Eco4Life and Green Valley as well as opportunities for further cooperation. They all took the chance to meet new partners and exchange with fellow campaigners.

The 10th ScanBalt Forum in Heringsdorf led to concrete results: Be it the discussions on how to implement AAL and telemedicine in the Baltic Sea Region, the distribution of the HealthPort Innovation Award, the further development of "Green Hospital" projects, the agreement to promote further development of bioalgae farming as sustainable use of Baltic Sea resources or the discussions on how to implement and foster the issue of health within the flaghip projects of the EU strategy for the Baltic Sea Region. All the projects the participants tackled have a transnational dimension focussing at the sustainable development of entire regions instead of individual states. Right from the beginning ScanBalt has committed itself to these principles of cooperation and development that today have become standard characteristics for EU programS.

For more information turn to: www.scanbalt.org or www.scanbaltforum2011.eu

The next ScanBalt Forum will take place November 21st -24th 2012 in Tampere, Finland.

The South Baltic Annual Conference took place in Schwerin in Germany.

"The conference was organized to gather together all the stakeholders and beneficiaries of the South Baltic Programme to celebrate the success of the Programme and the co-operation among partners from the five participating countries. This year's the conference was of a special importance due to the preparation process of the next programming and the new round of programmes which will operate from 2014. Our aim was to present the positive influence of the Programme on the South Baltic area and the real outputs from the projects delivered with the Programme's assistance"

After the official part the South Baltic projects presented their results during the Projects Exhibition. In

total 15 projects were presented at the exhibition to promote the achievements of the South Baltic Programme and the benefits to the regions.

As the result of the competition organized during the exhibition the following projects were awarded:

III place: Eco4Life – South Baltic Network for Environmental and Life Sciences to Boost Cross Border Cooperation

Il place: Intermodal cross-border passenger transport solutions supporting regional integration of interface regions in SBA (Interface)

I place: Capacity Building Project

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Time for "Marie Sklodowska-Curie Actions"



'It's a great way to crown the Marie Sklodowska-Curie Year and the Polish Presidency itself,' commented Science and Higher Education Minister **Barbara Kudrycka**. 'The changed name will keep reminding Europeans that the greatest ever woman scientist was born in Poland and that Polish affairs were always close to her heart.

The European grant programme named after the Polish woman scientist has been in operation for 15 years. It finances some of the most advanced research in Europe, training schemes in all fields of research and cooperation with research institutions outside the Union. To date, some 50 thousand scientists from 127 countries have benefited from the programme.

This prestigious Union programme is geared to the promotion of careers in science. Young people are encouraged to choose science as their professional future and to conduct their research in Europe. (read more)

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Eco4Life training modules!

Eco4Life will organize 3 training modules within the Project life cycle. **First one took place in Klaipeda** on the topic: "EU research management: how to prepare a research proposal and manage it". aining duration: 14-15 November 2011.

The first part of lecture has been video-transmitted to Poland (Szczecin) and Germany (Greisfwald). The number of participants was 17. Training participants were coming from research organizations, administration bodies and business, especially renewable energy production (wind, solar and wave, biomass).

Find more information on the project Eco4Life on www.eco4life.info

BioCon Valley - eco4life Lead Partner - receives the Baltic Sea Region Innovation Award.

German BioCon Valley was the winner when the best innovation improver in the Baltic Sea Region was awarded for the first time. BioCon Valley developed among other things "the soybean of the north". The price was awarded Tuesday, October 25, evening during the gala dinner of the Baltic Development Forum Summit 2011 and the Annual Forum of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region in Gdansk.

Bioton wants to kick off construction work on a factory in Szczecin in June next year.

The plant, which will be making insulin injectors, will cost about PLN20m. BIOTON S.A. has subscribed to a policy of manufacturing effective and safe medicinal products and high-quality biological active substances for many years.

The Company introduces innovative production technologies in conformance with a documented quality system to ensure that all products are manufactured in an environment which meets Good Manufacturing Practice standards as is evidenced by its regularly updated GMP certificates.

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SUBMARINER Magazine: The Algae issue now available

SUBMARINER - first magazine publication presents the perspectives shared by the speakers during the recent Algae Cooperation Event in Trelleborg (September 2011).

The issue contains articles focused on the latest knowledge about algae harvesting for production of sustainable energy, discussions concerning the present and potential use of algae around the Baltic Sea region, with case studies from other parts of Europe as well as a series of articles delving into the topic of algae biofuels.

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New programme, "Horizon 2020"

Horizon 2020 is the financial instrument implementing the Innovation Union, a Europe 2020 flagship initiative aimed at securing Europe's global competitiveness. Running from 2014 to 2020 with an € 80 billion budget, the EU's new programme for research and innovation is part of the drive to create new growth and jobs in Europe.

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Successful R&D In Europe 4th European Networking Event

For the fourth time, the conference invites researchers and entrepreneurs from North Rhine-Westphalia and partner regions in Europe to find new R&D partners for FP7 projects. The series of events has been a great success with over 750 participants since 2009. In 2012 partner regions are: Belgium, France, the Netherlands, Poland, Switzerland and Russia.

The networking event will be structured in parallel brokerage session focusing on five topics:

- Information and Communication Technologies,
- Energy,
- Nanotechnology and Production Technologies,

- Life Science,
- People (focus on ITN/IAPP).

The event addresses especially small and medium-sized enterprises, research institutes and universities. Participants are invited to become involved in established and new networks of researchers, entrepreneurs and multipliers. Giving a short presentation or finding a partner by talking to decision-makers opens doors for new FP7 projects.

Call for presentations is open until 17 february 2012 under www.frp.nrw.de/network

Clean Energy & Passivehouse Conference



With 1317 participants, the congresses of the CEP have become an important meeting place to gather information about current market developments and trends. Use this platform to forge new contacts and to inform yourself about the latest know-how. Speakers from politics, research and development and professional users report on their current experiences and provide you with solutions for the future of renewable energy and energy-efficient construction and renovation.

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Experts from all over the world will meet to ensure the efficient knowledge transfer from research and development in the field. The RENEXPO® Central Europe Conference – based on the trade fair topics - will take place simultaneously of the RENEXPO® Central Europe trade fair. The innovative conferences take place over three days, parallel to the trade fair.

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