

CREATION OF AN INTERNAL BOILER MARKET IN EUROPE

DISSEMINATION INFORMATION ON BIOMASS BOILER SYSTEMS IN ORDER TO STIMULATE GREATER MARKET PENETRATION

The objectives

Most biomass boiler producers in the EU are small or medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and hence their market activities tend to be concentrated within their own country or region. The transfer of knowledge and know-how between member states can help demonstrate new biomass applications and vitalize the European biomass technology market. The aim of this action was therefore to open up the national markets of biomass boilers and improve market transparency within Europe as a whole.



The project

The project consisted of the promotion of biomass boiler technology in Europe. After defining the key industrial actors in the EU biomass boiler market, four business forums were organised and held in Germany, Austria, Sweden and Brussels. The forums were each adapted to local needs and experiences, with the Brussels meeting acting as a synthesis forum to exchange information between industry and decision makers. Each forum was accompanied by a regional site visit to give a practical impression of local activities within the biomass sector.

The results: technical

Each forum exposed an international audience to innovative technical aspects of biomass technology. This revealed both similarities and differences between EU countries, highlighting specialities and weaknesses. Technical site visits disseminated practical, working knowledge of local examples of biomass boiler systems. The proceedings of each forum were disseminated to all participants alongside a summary booklet.

The results: economic, social & environmental

The project revealed that the EU biomass market is most developed in Sweden, Finland and Germany, providing useful examples for other nations. The forums involved the participation of a Europe-wide group of industrial enterprises which intend to play a major role in the development of biomass boiler technologies and their penetration into the EU market. The shared experiences of these companies combined to strengthen collective knowledge and allow for greater market potential.

Project partners

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