



Final Conference of the project “Baltic Energy Areas – A Planning Perspective”

“Renewable energy and spatial planning: challenges and future perspectives”

January 29-30, 2019 Riga/Jelgava, Latvia

Baltic Energy Areas – A Planning Perspective (BEA-APP) project brings together two perspectives: spatial planning as well as regional energy policy. The project has focused to the capacity building of regional actors by:

- providing adjusted spatial planning instruments targeting renewable energy development;
- developing innovative stakeholder involvement methods and financing systems to increase social acceptance through local ownership;
- applying the developed measures to pilot cases, studying the features of suitable renewable energy production sites and, thereby, setting the scene for concrete projects.

We invite you to participate in the Final Conference of the BEA-APP project to learn about its main results and outcomes and to network with other projects and initiatives dealing with renewable energy and spatial planning.

Outline of the conference programme

Tuesday, January 29, 2019 Venue: AVALON HOTEL & Conferences, 13. Janvara str. 19, Riga, Latvia https://hotelavalon.eu	
9⁰⁰ – 9³⁰	Registration of participants, coffee
9³⁰ – 9⁵⁰	Opening of the conference/ welcome speech
9⁵⁰ – 10²⁰	Policy goals and recent developments related to the use of renewable energy sources in the European Union
10²⁰ – 13⁰⁰ (11 ⁰⁰ -11 ³⁰ tea/ coffee)	Session I: overview of the BEA-APP project, main achievements; criteria and recommendations for planning renewable energy, innovative forms of stakeholder involvement, incentives for financial citizen involvement in renewable energy projects, fostering application of renewable energy – results from pilot projects
13⁰⁰ – 14⁰⁰	Lunch
14⁰⁰ – 17⁰⁰ (15 ³⁰ -16 ⁰⁰ tea/ coffee)	Session II: inside view from other projects (e.g., Horizon 2020, Interreg) on renewable energy and spatial planning: short presentations and a poster session Expert panel session: outlook for future: prospects of renewable energy in the Baltic Sea region
17⁰⁰	Wrap up, closing of event
From 18⁰⁰	Joint dinner in Old Riga Town (walking distance from the AVALON HOTEL & Conferences)

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Continuation of the conference in Jelgava city

<http://www.jelgava.lv/en>

8³⁰	Joint departure to Jelgava city (~40 km, by organized bus from the AVALON HOTEL & Conferences)
9³⁰ -11⁰⁰	Welcome by project BEA-APP partner Zemgale Planning region Coffee/tea
	Intro session: energy strategies of BEA-APP project pilot regions
	Introduction to energy production company "FORTUM JELGAVA" Ltd. (www.fortum.com)
11⁰⁰ -13⁰⁰	Study visit to the facility of "FORTUM Jelgava" Ltd.
13⁰⁰ -14³⁰	Joint lunch in Jelgava city
14³⁰	Conference participants departure back to RIX airport/ Riga by joint bus

Please note:

- Participation at the conference is free of charge
- Catering during the conference is covered by organisers. If you have any strict/ medically based dietary requirements, please inform organisers
- Hotel AVALON HOTEL & Conferences is in central part of Old Riga Town. There is a good public transport (bus NR 22) connection between RIX airport and AVALON HOTEL & Conferences. Hotel is in walking distance from Riga International bus station and International train station. Arrival to the conference is own responsibility. Departure by joint bus to Riga and RIX airport on January 30, 2019 (after the study visit in Jelgava) will be ensured by organizers
- We have made a 'block' booking at the venue - AVALON HOTEL & Conferences (with a rate standard single room - 50.00 €/night; standard double (for 2 persons) room - 60.00 €/night). For making reservation please visit hotel website <https://hotelavalon.eu>, fill the online booking form and use the keyword BEAAPP. The offer is guaranteed before January 15, 2019 (or as long as rooms are available). In case of questions regarding the reservation please contact the hotel reception via e-mail: reservations@hotelavalon.eu. You can also choose and book any other hotel in Riga
- The conference language is English, no translation will be provided
- Practical information as well as detailed agenda of the conference will be sent to the registered participants

Please register by clicking on the [online link](#)

In case you have any questions regarding the practical matters, please contact Ms. Dace Strigune (e-mail: dace.strigune@bef.lv)

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