



# Added Value of Networking

## Success Story

Success Story title *Conference on the Renewable Energy Resources*

Theme *Cooperation*

NRN *Hungary*

Coordinator *NSU*

Partners *Polish NRN, Slovak NRN*

Period *28-29<sup>th</sup> April 2011*

Resources *Approx. 5,551 EUR (1,542,940 HUF)*

Geo-location *Miskolc and its micro-region*

Beneficiaries *Specialists of the renewable energy resources field, rural development actors from Poland, Slovakia and Hungary*

### Background

The Conference on the Renewable Energy Resources (including the field trip on the next day) was an event held under the agreement between the Polish, Slovak and Hungarian NRNs. The aim of the event was to provide possibility to exchange experiences and knowledge in the field of renewable energy production and utilisation between the partners. The subject is considered to be important due to climate change, energy import dependency, and creating new workplaces.

### Main activities

On the first day of the conference three panel sessions were included:

- Regulatory aspects (law/regulation background, support/subsidy systems)
- Social green energy (utilisation of less favoured areas, creating workplaces for underprivileged social clusters, fighting against poverty, possibilities of public works, education on attitude to energy saving)
- Renewable energy sources – sustainable development (different types of renewable energy sources, different technologies, economical issues)

A study tour for the Polish and Slovak partners was held on the next day. Participants visited thermal water heated greenhouse horticulture, a biogas plant and the experimental plot of the Hungarian Forest Research Institute (ERTI), and the BÜKK-MAK LEADER LAG's „1 village- 1 MW” project was presented.

### Main results/benefits

This activity helped to strengthen the existing connections and building new relationships between the neighboring countries of the region. Actors dealing with the renewable energy resources from the three countries were able to meet, exchange experience and talk about common future perspectives.





#### Contribution of the NSU

The NSU organized this conference in compliance with the aims expressed in these formal partnership agreements with Poland and Slovakia. Thus both foreign networks were asked to help to find and to invite experts on the renewable energy resources field from their countries. To present a complete picture of the issue representatives of the relevant Ministry were also invited from Hungary (including Mr. Zsolt V. Németh the State Secretary for Rural Development, Ministry of Rural Development).

#### Contribution of the partners

The partners helped the Hungarian NRN in finding experts and speakers from their countries for each panels of the conference.

#### Success factors

- Existing of the formal partnership agreements between Hungary, Poland and Slovakia
- Dividing the presentations in three panels helped to compare the differentiations of the three countries.

#### Additional information

Report on the Hungarian Network's homepage (in Hungarian) including presentations of the each speaker:  
<http://www.mnvh.eu/hirek/792/20110504/mequjulo-energiaforrasok-konferencia-miskolcon>

