

Press Release

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baltfood sets sail for the new INTERREG V B funding period 2014/2015 to 2020

The food industry network baltfood, consisting of representatives of food clusters and scientific institutions in the Baltic Sea region, met on 03rd September 2013 at the media docks in Lübeck, to prepare for the new funding Programme of the European Union INTERREG V B.

The network partners took this meeting as an opportunity to invite other interested stakeholders in the food industry from Finland, Lithuania and Sweden, to discuss the contents of a new project proposal for the next funding period. It was a multimedia event due to the connection of the Latvian network Vidzeme Planning Region via Skype.

The aim of the day was to jointly define potential work packages and content of a future project application in order to likewise strengthen the position of the food processing industry in the Baltic Sea Region and to exhaust synergies in the branch.

At the end of a labor-intensive and very successful day, the participants decided to introduce ideas and concepts gained at home to their networks and organizations.

Within this framework the Luebeck Business Development Corporation will develop and circulate a first project proposal until the end of October 2013. The next meeting is scheduled for March 2014 to enter into project details. An exciting time begins for baltfood, baltfood partners and potential new baltfood actors.

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baltfood was an international project with the principal goal to enhance the competitiveness of the food processing industry in the Baltic Sea region. Under the general management of the Luebeck Business Development Corporation twelve partners from six Baltic Sea countries founded the project.

Within its 3 years the project was supported by the European Union through its INTERREG IV B Programme with an amount of 1,8 million Euro. The initiative baltfood network has set itself the goal to support and accompany the food industry in the Baltic Sea Region actively in the future.

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