

## Press Release

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### **Scientists of the food processing industry in the Baltic Sea Region met for the baltfood R&D Network Conference in Lübeck**

**From 10th until 11th of November 2011 35 representatives of scientific institutions in the Baltic Sea Region held a meeting in the Scandic Crown Hotel of Lübeck for the kick-off of the baltfood R&D Network**

The target of the INTERREG IV B-project baltfood was to successfully strengthen the position of the food processing industry in the Baltic Sea Region and to exhaust synergies in the branch. The focus of the cooperation is international networking in the field of science and business. The implementation of an international baltfood Research & Development Network, in which companies have a simplified access to a variety of innovations in the R&D-sector, was advanced by this conference.

During the first session the partner institutions were given the chance to introduce themselves. The opening speeches were given by the Lübeck University of Applied Sciences and the Lübeck Business Development Corporation as the project coordinator of baltfood, who conjointly hosted this event in Lübeck. Afterwards the structure of the R&D Network and the databasis of an already implemented online research portal were presented. The next day the results regarding the network structure were discussed.

"With the R&D Netzwerk another milestone of the baltfood network will be realised, which enables small and medium-sized companies of the food processing industry to receive a fast an web-based access to research findings of scientific institutions in the Baltic Sea Region and thereby to accelerate their innovation process", underlines Dr. Björn P. Jacobsen, authorised signatory of the Lübeck Business Development Corporation.

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baltfood is an international project with the principal goal to enhance the competitiveness of the food industry in the Baltic Sea region. Under the general management of the Luebeck Business Development Corporation twelve partners from six Baltic Sea countries have founded the project. Within the first three years the project is supported by the European Union through its Interreg IV B Programme with an amount of 1,8 million euro.

### **The 12 partners of the baltfood project**

#### Denmark

- Roskilde University

#### Finland

- Agropolis Ltd.
- University of Turku, Food Finland Theme Group

#### Germany

- Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, Authority of Economic Affairs and Employment
- Luebeck University of Applied Sciences
- University of Rostock
- Luebeck Business Development Corporation

#### Lithuania

- Lithuanian Cluster of Food Sector

#### Poland

- Lubelskie Voivodship, Regional Cluster Management Biofood
- University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Polish Cluster Management for Dairy Farming

#### Sweden

- Skåne Food Innovation Network
- University of Lund, Lund International Food Studies

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