

Press Release

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Closure and perspective of the baltfood network at the final general assembly for all project partners in Lübeck

On January 12th, 2012, twenty-five representatives of food clusters and scientific institutions from the Baltic Sea region held a general assembly in the media docks in Lübeck in order to work out the details of the final reporting and to plan the continuation of the baltfood project.

As the project will be finalized in January 2012 the baltfood partners utilized this meeting in order to prepare the final report of the Baltic Sea Region Food Cluster which has been supported by the European Union through its Interreg IV B Programme. Therefore the requirements of final financial and final activity reporting as well as the presentation of different timelines appeared as the first task on the agenda.

The second task marked the establishment of a new baltfood Cluster Secretariat which is an integral part of the baltfood project. By launching this initiative the continuance of the baltfood network, however in a reduced way, will be assured.

Furthermore the participants had a look at selected project results such as the baltfood academy, the baltfood R&D network and the baltfood branding concept and discussed on these topics how to handle them in the future.

Closing task of the assembly was the question how to prepare for Interreg V in the years 2014/2015 up to 2020. Therefore the authorized signatory of the Lübeck Business Development Corporation gave a general speech substitutionally for the Interreg IV Steering Group in order to prepare the group of baltfood partners for the next supporting period by the EU.

The aim of the day was to jointly draw up a letter of intent for the resumption of the baltfood network in the future in order to likewise strengthen the position of the food processing industry in the Baltic Sea region and to exhaust synergies in the branch.

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baltfood is 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 have founded the project.

Within the first three years the project was 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

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