
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Estonia

the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Latvia

and

the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania,

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on cooperation in the area of the development of renewable energy

The Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic Estonia,
the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Latvia,
the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania
(hereinafter as the Cooperating Partners)

acknowledging that the development of renewable energy sources in Baltic States, like in other European Union Member States, is assuming a priority rôle, considering that the agricultural sector occupies an important place in the entire structure of energy production and that agriculture plays a key role in the production of liquid and gas biofuel as well as recognizing the need for coordinated decisions in this area of activities and acting within the scope of their competence and following international commitments and national legislation

have concluded this Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in the area of the development of the renewable energy

ARTICLE 1

SUBJECT OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

- 1.1. The Cooperating Partners within the scope of their competence undertake to cooperate in:
 - 1.1.2. Reducing the dependence of the countries on the imports of energy raw materials,
 - 1.1.3. Increasing rural employment as well as diversification of rural activities and development of agricultural markets,
 - 1.1.4. Reducing environment pollution,
 - 1.1.5. Coordinating actions in the area of the development of renewable energy and exchanging experience thereof,

1.1.6. Preparing the common position on the development of renewable energy and discussing the issues in the meetings of the Governments of the countries and European Union institutions,

1.1.7. Drafting state policy, programs and state support measures for the development of renewable energy,

1.1.8. Coordinating research in the field of production and use of biofuel and devising training and other educational programs,

1.1.9. Creating a homogenous database on biomass resources and the production and use of biofuel.

ARTICLE 2

COMMITMENTS OF THE COOPERATING PARTNERS

2.1. The Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Estonia shall establish in the third quarter of 2006 and regularly update an online database on renewable energy issues.

2.2. The Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Latvia shall organize a conference of the three Baltic States on issues concerning the development of renewable energy in the first quarter of 2007.

2.3. The Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania shall organize a symposium of the three Baltic States on research in the field of the renewable energy in the fourth quarter of 2006.

ARTICLE 3

RESPONSIBILITIES OF COOPERATING PARTNERS

3.1. The Cooperating Partners commit to restraining from actions that would infringe the conditions of the Memorandum of Understanding and could make prejudice to the interests of the Cooperating Partners and their mutual relations.

3.2. If the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding turns impossible due to the circumstances which could not be foreseen by the Cooperating Partners at the time of signing this Memorandum of Understanding, they will immediately inform each other in written form about the occurrence of such circumstances.

ARTICLE 4

RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES

4.1. The Cooperating Partners will take necessary measures that all disputes and disagreements that may arise in connection with the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding or related to the Memorandum of Understanding are resolved through mutual negotiations between the Cooperating Partners.

ARTICLE 5

THE TERM OF VALIDITY OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

5.1. This Memorandum of Understanding enters into force on the date of its signature and remains in force until the commitments taken by the Cooperating Partners of this Memorandum of Understanding are fully implemented.

5.2. This Memorandum of Understanding could be terminated by a written declaration of one of the Cooperating Partners. The Cooperating Partner which initiates the termination shall inform the other two Cooperating Partners in written form not later than 30 calendar days before the proposed termination date.

5.3. The Memorandum of Understanding can be amended only by a written agreement between the Cooperating Partners.

ARTICLE 6 OTHER CONDITIONS

6.1. The Memorandum of Understanding is done in Brussels on 23rd May 2006 in three copies: each of them English, all the texts being equally valid.

6.2. All expenses related to the work of the experts of the Cooperating Partners will be covered from the budgets of the Ministries which have delegated these experts.

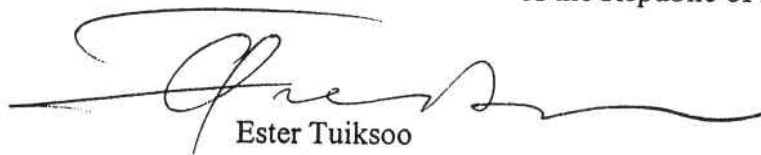
6.3. The Cooperating Partners agree to appoint national contacts for the term of validity of the Memorandum of Understanding.



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