

## - Objectives, rules and Programme -

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## **OBJECTIVES OF THE NETWORK**

EUBREN is a network of Universities and Research Centres with high experience in biomass research and innovation. The aim of this initiative, without any lucrative intent, is:

### **a) Enhance the cooperation among EU research centres, universities and EUBIA**

EUBREN will support a closer cooperation among EU research institutes in order to improve the efficiency of the whole European Biomass research sector. The target is to frequently be updated on the sector latest results, integrate experiences and new ideas, work together in new valuable projects and join forces of EU experts in biomass sector for new high quality research projects.

### **b) Encourage the collaboration between academic and industry representatives**

Thanks to EUBIA membership, consisting in mainly companies and industries, EUBREN activities will be disseminated to the industry sector and oriented to a commercial application. Thus, one of the main objective of the network will be to promote commercial initiatives and new projects of interest for the industrial community.

### **c) Involve Research Institutes from all EU countries**

Target of EUBREN is to involve universities and research centres from all EU countries in order to contribute to the growth of research activity not only in the most wealthy European countries, but also to cooperate with smaller institutes and homogenize the research potentials at EU level.

### **d) Connect Research Sector with Policy Makers and public authorities**

Research Activity carried out at national level by single universities in all the 28 countries will be included in periodic reports, focused on specific biomass sectors, in order to update the whole network on the most interesting results and expectations. The activities will be published and promoted at EU level.

### **e) Identify new industry-academic cooperation and job opportunities**

EUBIA engages to support the collaboration opportunities between industries and academic institutes, students, researchers and research teams. New jobs, internships, placement etc will be supported by involving industries, small and medium enterprises and other research institutes.

### **f) Promoting private cooperation between EUBREN Members**

EUBREN further objective is to support the cooperation among its members. In addition with the initiatives and the projects promoted by the Network, members are invited to cooperate and could easily define private initiatives on specific academic or research activities they promote privately.

### **g) Develop valuable cooperation with international research organizations**

One of the EUBREN main objectives is also to involve and cooperate with academic institute of large countries out of the European limits. In particular, universities and research centres have been contacted to

participate to the initiative as External representative for: USA Brasil, India and Japan. Their involvement will be finalized after the official launch of the Network.

## **RULES and TASKS**

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF EUBIA** - EUBIA, the European biomass Industry Association, is the creator, supporter and manager of EUBREN. EUBIA's role consists in:

### **1. Design and set up of dissemination and communication tools**

- Website
- Newsletter
- Events organization
- Conference calls
- Annual Meetings

### **2. Support and manage new projects and proposals**

- Reports on biomass sectors technology state of the art
- Organization of EC projects consortium and proposals
- Technology Platforms
- EC project organization consultancy

### **3. Industry communication activity**

- Involve members and industries to EUBREN events
- Communicate and disseminate EUBREN to industries
- Invite SMEs and Industries to EC proposals

### **4. Coordinate EUBREN administration, programme and rules**

- Monitoring EUBREN activities,
- secure that all the members will be involved
- Provide periodic results summary,
- Periodic Action Plan and activity reports

**EUBREN MEMBERS LIMITED RESPONSIBILITIES** - Responsibilities and rights of EUBREN Members consist in:

#### **1. Management.**

Members do not have any responsibility on network administration and management.

#### **2. Payment.**

Each member is in charge of the payment of membership annual fee as reported in the application form.

#### **3. Expulsion.**

Each founding member has the right to vote the expulsion of another members. The final expulsion must be approved by the majority of the members.

#### **4. Leaving.**

Every member is free to leave the Network in every period of the year. The decision to leave the network must be accompanied by a letter addressed to EUBIA without any additional explanation.

#### **5. Representation.**

Organization of a board of directors, elected by all the members and the role of a formal "Secretary" of EUBREN will be evaluated by all Members after the launch of the Network.