

**EVENT DESCRIPTION****RES-e Regions****WP 2- Planners Platform**

**Date & location:** 20 November 2006, Genoa

**Organiser:** ARE Liguria

**Participants:** Paolo Tacchini (La Spezia Industrial Association vice chairman), Piero Grandoni (President of ArGo s.r.l.), Maria Fabianelli (ARE Liguria), Adriano Pessina (ARE Liguria), Franco Zunino (Regional councillor of Environment Dept.), Gianfranco Aresca (Manager of the Liguria Region Energy Policies Dpt.), Carlo Marzani (Liguria Region Environment Dept. office bearer), Renzo Castello (Manager of the Liguria Region Soil Defence Dept.).

**Short description:**

The Industrial Association of La Spezia, represented by Mr. Tacchini, and ArGo s.r.l., a society working in renewable energy field, represented by Mr. Grandoni, requested information about the feasibility of installing biomass plants in the region and the related clearance procedures. This data is requested also because these two societies are going to install a biomass cogeneration plant in the Vara valley, a densely wooded region in the north east of Liguria.

**Background:**

As PEAR states, by 2010 Liguria is going to cover 7% of its energy needs by utilizing renewable energy sources. In this context, biomasses play a very important role as 70% of the territory of Liguria is covered by woods. According to a research ordered by Liguria Region, the theoretical energy potential of local biomasses is estimated to be about 463 ktep.

**Aim & programme:**

The meeting provided the participants with the information required and activated a platform of discussion among the difficulties in realising this kind of plants in the Region. In particular, it has been pointed out that the installation of small scale biomass plants (power output less than 20 kW) only requires a start of work notification, whereas biomass plants with a power output over 20 kW require a building clearance and a specific permission to use the chosen energy source. During the meeting also some economical features of this type of plant was discussed, in particular it was pointed out that, with the decree of the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2006, biomass plants can obtain green certificates, not only for 8 years, but also for 4 additional years, corresponding to the 60% of the annual production.