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Newsletter

Welcome to the first edition of the bi-annual LOWCAP newsletter, 3rd of July 2012.

LOWCAP was recently very successfully showcased at the All Energy Conference in Aberdeen on the 23rd and 24th of May. The All-Energy Exhibition and Conference is the UK's largest renewable energy event and this year's event focused on energy efficiency and carbon reduction. All Energy provides a platform for knowledge exchange, the sourcing of new partners and suppliers, networking and keeping up-to-date with changes within the renewables and energy sector. More information is to be found at www.all-energy.co.uk

The aim of LOWCAP at All Energy was to raise awareness of the project. In particular, its aim was to exchange findings and knowledge from our four partner projects.

We were congratulated by the secretariat for a great performance/presence and Jesper Joensson from the North Sea programme came to visit us as the stand. We hired a large stand inside the exhibition area and used for the first time the presentation stand and pull-up displays (pictured). There were several of us on-hand throughout both days to talk to visitors to the exhibition and to hand out the literature and raise awareness of the project. Many interesting discussions were held and a number of potential stakeholders expressed their interest in the project. We had a number of items of promotional material to give out as well as copies of the newly published LOWCAP leaflet which makes up part of the publicity toolkit.

As a reminder, the toolkit also contains:

- LOWCAP's Key Message Document
- Generic LOWCAP presentation outlining the project, its objectives and the partner project information. This should be used to form the basis for all LOWCAP presentations
- LOWCAP presentation template - for additional slides or other presentations
- Project Logos - LOWCAP, Interreg and partner project logos

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- Generic press release which outlines the key messages for the LOWCAP project
- Partner stakeholder analysis and communication plan template

As you can see from the pictures, below, the pull-up displays have been printed and look very good. We also took several of these and the large display to the NSC Joint Annual Conference in Bremerhaven with us and gave them to the partners who were also present at the event. The others can be shipped out to partners as one has been made for each of you.





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Updates on work packages:

WP1 - Project Coordination and Financial Management

All partners have received electronic copies of the partnership agreement which has been prepared by Aberdeen City Council's legal team. Your responses are expected by the end of the week which is the deadline before we send out paper copies to be signed by each partner. We expect all partner agreements to be signed before the first project claim in September.

WP2 - Publicity and Communications

The LOWCAP publicity kit has been completed and sent out to partners as noted above. Display pull ups for each partner are being distributed amongst partners.

The website creation has been through the procurement process and a designer is now working on its development. The domain name for the LOWCAP website is www.lowcap.eu. A website template will soon be online and we are requesting partner and project information that will be used to populate the website.

WP3 - Review of partner projects

Chris Ash (Dundee College) has been making progress with Work Package 3. It is hoped that the questionnaire that will be used for the partner project review will be completed by the end of August and will inform the workshop in Bremen.

It has been decided that the WP3 workshop (and project meeting) in Bremen will be held on September the 17th and 18th. Information has been sent out to partners and the agenda for the meeting is in development at the moment.



News from the Carbon Capture and Storage Partners:

CCS project partners are in dialog with CO2-Sense in Leeds and The Rotterdam Climate Initiative to discuss CCS and LOWCAP-activities (a meeting in Leeds probably beginning of July)

CCS project partners also presented the CCS-project with link to LOWCAP at the ERRIN Energy&Climate Change Working Group event during the Sustainable Energy Week in Brussels 2012. The presentation took place in The Scotland House 21th of June

LOWCAP is described as an important link to a new application "Optimization of Energy Carriers in the Skagerrak/Kattegat-region" sent to Interreg IVA KASK. Answer in November and start up in January 2013.

From Intercomunale Leidal, this news:

South-West-Flanders energy neutral by 2050.

Launch of the energy strategy of the Kortrijk region (BE). The Kortrijk region faces a major challenge: to become energy neutral by 2050. But how can our region achieve this objective? How can we generate more renewable energy and energy efficiency? How can we reduce our energy costs and how we avoid energy poverty? And how can the region enjoy the benefits of this energy transition? All questions that has been solved over the past two years as part of North Sea SEP.

On Thursday, July 5 2012, Leiedal will present the findings and propose a regional energy strategy. It is a project where several local governments and regional organizations were involved. The project was initiated and directed by Leiedal, Belgian partner of North Sea SEP.



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North Sea Region Programme and North Sea Commission Joint Annual Conference 2012

The Joint Annual Conference 2012 of the North Sea Region Programme and the North Sea Commission was held 18-20 June in Bremerhaven and Bremen, Germany. 300 participants attended the event.

The theme of the conference was "Creating a Climate for Change", focusing on future policy developments, innovation needs and a strategic outlook for the region. It was a joint event of the North Sea Region Programme and the North Sea Commission to facilitate interaction between stakeholders.

The five workshops were split into short sessions over 20 minutes each, providing participants with an opportunity to choose from a wide variety of presentations from a large number of projects and stakeholders. 38 presentations were given in the different workshops over the two days and LOWCAP was one of them. The innovative workshop concept was highly appreciated by participants and speakers alike and the LOWCAP workshop in particular was praised for being interesting and engaging. .

Videos with highlights from both day 1 and day 2 of the event were available immediately following the respective day of the conference on the Programme Youtube channel. The videos are now being finalised with last edits and will again be available shortly.

