



GREBE

Generating Renewable Energy
Business Enterprise



LOCATION & DATE

DATE
Wednesday
24 FEB 2016

LOCATION
'Twin Trees Hotel', Downhill
Road, Ballina, Co. Mayo, Ireland

GPS: 54.11766N -9.12585W

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WHAT IS GREBE?

GREBE is a €1.77m, 3-year (2015-2018) transnational project to support the renewable energy sector. It is co-funded by the EU's Northern Periphery & Arctic (NPA) Programme. It will focus on the challenges of peripheral and arctic regions as places for doing business, and help develop renewable energy business opportunities provided by extreme conditions.

WHY IS GREBE HAPPENING?

Renewable Energy entrepreneurs working in the NPA area face challenges including a lack of critical mass, dispersed settlements, poor accessibility, vulnerability to climate change effects and limited networking opportunities are well recognised because of their peripheral location. GREBE will equip SMEs and start-ups with the skills and confidence to overcome these challenges and use place based natural assets for RE to best sustainable effect. The renewable energy sector contributes to sustainable regional and rural development and has potential for future growth.

WHO WILL GREBE SUPPORT?

GREBE will target and support start-ups and SMEs (small and medium sized enterprises) and recent graduates working in the renewable energy sector and based in one of the six participating partner regions of the project in Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Finland, Norway and Iceland. GREBE products and services will also be useful for existing organisations involved in renewable energy, local and regional authorities, business advisory organisations, as well as research and development institutes, technology groups, and universities and other educational institutes with an interest in rural economic development and/or renewable energy.

WHERE IS GREBE HAPPENING AND WHO IS RUNNING IT?

GREBE will be operated by eight partner organisations across six regions:



AGENDA

9.30	Registration	Western Development Commission
10.00	Welcome to the GREBE project	Paddy McGuinness, Chairperson, Western Development Commission
10.15	About the GREBE project	Pauline Leonard, GREBE Project Coordinator, Western Development Commission
10.40	Renewable Energy Policy and Funding Mechanisms in the Northern Periphery & Arctic Region	Michael Doran, Action Renewables
11.00	The Influence of Environmental Conditions in the Northern Periphery & Arctic Region	Prof. Peter Wide, Narvik Science Park & Arna Lara Jonsdottir, Innovation Center Iceland
11.30	Refreshments Break	
11.50	Linking Renewable Energy Technology and Resources in the Northern Periphery & Arctic Partner Regions	Andrew Commin, Environmental Research Institute
12.10	Renewable Energy Opportunities and Business Development Support	Dr. Lasse Okkonen, Karelia University of Applied Sciences & Una Porteous, Fermanagh & Omagh District Council
12.40	Knowledge and Technology Transfer and Business Delivery of Renewable Energy	Dr. Lauri Sikanen, Natural Resources Institute, Finland
13.00	Open forum for discussion & workshop close	Ian Brannigan, Western Development Commission
13.20	Lunch	

HOW TO REGISTER

Register your interest in attending via email to paulineleonard@wdc.ie or by phone to the Western Development Commission (WDC) offices at +353 94 986 1881. Closing date for registration is Wednesday 17th February 2016. While this event is free of charge, registration is required.

GREBE PROJECT LAUNCH INVITATION
24 February 2016 @ Twin Trees Hotel, Downhill Road, Ballina, Co. Mayo, Ireland

