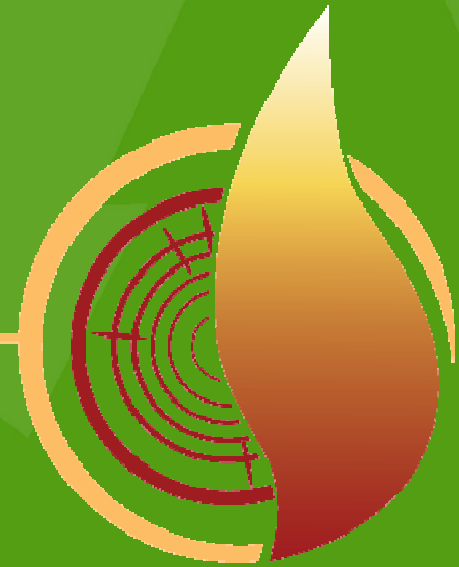


# woodfuel east



A case study in obtaining public funds

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- Background
- Policy context
- Need for intervention
- Potential sources of funds
- History of woodfuel development in East of England
- Woodfuel East
- Lessons Learned

- Wood as a source of energy is nothing new
- 50% of global wood utilisation as fuel
- Significant existing wood fuel demand in UK
- Promotion of wood as fuel for many years

- EU
  - Energy for the Future: Renewable Sources of Energy (1997)
    - The Share of Renewable Energy in the EU (2004)
  - Forestry Strategy (1998)
- MCPFE
  - Warsaw Resolution (2007)
- UK/England
  - Biomass Task Force Report (2005)
  - Government Response (2006)
  - Woodfuel Strategy for England (2007)
    - Regional delivery
  - UK Renewable Energy Strategy (2008)



- Awareness Raising
- Advice/Facilitation
- Skills Development
- Capital Investment
  - Supply
  - Demand

- Treasury
  - Bio-energy Infrastructure Scheme
  - Bio-energy Capital Grants Scheme
  - ? Dedicated funds for delivery of Woodfuel Strategy
- RDA
  - Rural Development Programme for England
  - European Regional Development Funds
  - European Social Funds
  - "Single Pot"

- Three reports on woodfuel potential
  - Proving of Woodfuel Harvesting in Undermanaged Woodlands in the East of England (2001)
  - Woodfuel in the East of England Prospects and Potential (2003)
  - Opportunities for the Market Development of Wood-Heating in the East of England (2005)
- Regional Woodland Strategy - Woodland for Life (2003)
  - Chapter 4 Renewable Energy
- Woodfuel Project Scoping Study (2007)



- RDPE Regional Implementation Plan
  - Renewable energy highlighted
  - Specific mention of woodfuel production
- RIP Prospectus
  - Emphasis on woodfuel eligibility within RDR Measures
  - Example of type of project to be funded
- Contribution to Regional Economic Strategy
  - Reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
  - Economic context
  - Enterprise
  - Skills
  - Inclusion
  - Transport
  - Places



- Unincorporated Association
- Wide membership
  - Public/private
- FC host and accountable body
- Scope
  - Awareness raising
  - Training
  - Advice
  - Capital investment
  - Woodland management

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