



Canadian Study Tour to Finland: State-of-the-Art Forest Supply Chains & Bioenergy Projects Eastern Finland, 11-14 May 2009

When it comes to bioenergy, Finland has always been ahead of the game. Today bioenergy accounts for 20% of Finland's primary energy consumption and 10% of its electricity demand and the government plans to increase bioenergy consumption to 38% by 2012.

This **four-day study tour** will take Canadian delegates to the heart of bioenergy production, research and business in Eastern Finland to show delegates how to bring innovative Finnish technology and expertise back home. The visit features a **one-day training course for Canadians on the most advanced Finnish district heating technology** by Dr. Veli-Matti Mäkelä, one of the world's leading experts.

Delegates will spend two and a half days touring carefully selected bioenergy installations relevant to the Canadian context including: a demonstration of wood fuel harvesting, handling and transportation, visits to operating district heating and CHP plants of all sizes, and a critical visit to a pellet facility that is integrated to a 23 MW CHP plant. Spend a half-day meeting with Wenet experts to discuss a holistic approach to wood energy, turnkey solutions, and solutions for managing supply chains. Enjoy a wrap up session hosted by the Canadian Embassy including dinner – and, of course, a traditional Finnish smoke sauna – a discussion of the tour and plans for further co-operation.

The tour is being organized by the Canadian Bioenergy Association and Wenet (Eastern Finland's Wood and Sustainable Energy Net), with support from the Canadian Embassy in Finland, the Regional Councils of Eastern Finland, Joensuu Regional Development Company Josek Ltd and the EU Regional Development Fund.

Costs and Registration

The tour will cost about \$3200 per person, including flights, transportation in Finland, all meals and accommodation (the cost varies depending on the individual's international flight cost and is based on flying from a major Canadian airport).

CANBIO applied successfully for a grant from Foreign Affairs and International Trade that will subsidize the tour by about \$1000 per delegate. To qualify for the grant, you must be from a private company, which will pay for the remainder of your trip. Unfortunately public and governmental organizations, municipalities etc. cannot apply for the grant, but are welcome to join us on the tour.

We regret that this tour is now SOLD OUT.

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