BSEC – PROMITHEAS-2 Scientific Workshop "Joint Implementation and Clean Development Mechanism among the BSEC countries"

he 3rd BSEC – PROMITHEAS-2 Scientific Workshop was held on November 9th, 2007 in Kiev (Ukraine) under the auspices of the Ukrainian chairmanship of BSEC. The event took place at the Academic Council Hall of the National Technical University of Ukraine "Kiev Polytechnic Institute" (KPI). The workshop focused on the role of Kyoto mechanisms as climate policy instruments for Caspian and Black Sea countries.

Governmental representatives from the relevant ministries of Ukraine, the Greek ambassador in Kiev, the BSEC Project Coordinator, professors, PROMITHEAS-2 partners, young scientists and stakeholders from the private sector participated.

Academian **Prof. Mykhaylo ZGUROVSKIY**, Chairman of the Black Sea University Network (BSUN), launched the workshop by welcoming the participants and emphasizing on the importance of organizing such an event at KPI.

The Greek Ambassador in Kiev, **Mr. Haralambos DIMITRIOU** in his welcome address referred to the progress that has been developed regarding cooperation among scientists of the BSEC region.

Mr. Konstantinos ZAIMIS, BSEC Project Coordinator, referred in his speech to the role of the BSEC Project Development Fund as a catalyst for regional cooperation.

Mr. Vitaliy NAKHLUPIN, representative from the Ministry of Environmental Protection of Ukraine emphasized on the importance that JI projects have for Ukraine.

Mr. Serhiy BEVZ, representative from the Ukrainian Ministry of Fuel and Energy, referred also to the role of JI and CDM for the Ukrainian energy policy.

Finally, the coordinator of the PROMITHEAS Network, **Prof. Dimitrios MAVRAKIS**, KEPA, in his welcome address outlined the network activities. He invited BSEC scientists, universities and research institutions to join the network and its on-going activities.

The workshop was divided into four (4) sessions: Promotion of Cooperation in BSEC and EU Regions, The state-of-the-art for JI/CDM projects, Perspectives for JI/CDM project buyers and International and regional experiences with Kyoto Mechanisms. Twelve (12) speakers presented during these sessions their research work. The titles of their presentations were the following:

- 1. "Azeri CDM Projects", Dr. Haji MELIKOV, GPOGC;
- "Moldovan CDM projects", Dr. Michael CHIORSAC, IPE;
- "Joint Implementation projects in Romania current status", Anca BARDICI, ISPE;
- 4. "Current situation and opportunities of Turkey in energy sector related to climate change", Dr. Faruk Dincer, TUBITAK MRC, Chemistry and Environment Institute;

- "Database of JI projects in Ukraine", Volodimyr LASKAREVSKIY, National Environmental Investment Agency of Ukraine;
- "Financing Sustainable Energy: EBRD Experience", Mr. Serhiy MASLICHENKO, PhD, EBRD;
- 7. "Point Carbon", Ganna KORNIYENKO, Point Carbon;
- "Clim-AMS the software tool for evaluation of climate policy instruments linked with the Kyoto Protocol", Mrs. Popi KONIDARI, KEPA;
- "Barriers to JI Projects in Ukraine", Mr. Vadim DIUKANOV, FDEEM;
- 10. "SEC Biomass experience on development of JI projects in Ukraine", Dr. Georgiy GELETUKHA, SEC Biomass:
- 11. "Experience and perspectives of biogas capture and utilization systems development on ukrainian landfills in the frame of Kyoto mechanisms", A. PUKHNYUK, SEC Biomass;
- 12. "Utilisation of agricultural wastes way to reducing of GHGs emissions", Andrey BASTEEV, Institute of engineering problems, NAS of Ukraine;

The workshop sessions closed with Mr. ZAIMIS's presentation "The BSEC Project Development Fund as a catalyst for regional cooperation in climate policy issues".

Apart from the aforementioned presentations, four (4) abstracts were also accepted (V.N. MUKAZHANOV, G.ZH. DAUKEEV, M.R. MANSIMOV, Inom MORMATOV and Eldar SHARIEV). Abstracts and presentations are hosted at the web-site of the project (http://www.kepa.uoa.gr/PROMITHEAS2 Workshop3.htm)

Prof. Dim. MAVRAKIS closed the workshop by thanking the participants and emphasizing on the need of acts instead of political comments, not for the protection of the environment but of humanity.

In addition a special meeting was organized parallel to the workshop event. The Rector of KPI, **Prof. ZGUROVSKY** invited Mr. ZAIMIS, the PROMITHEAS Network Steering Committee (SC) members to his office so as to discuss ways of further cooperation with the PROMITHEAS network in the frame of EU and BSUN activities.

Prof. MAVRAKIS proposed to Prof. ZGUROVSKY to explore jointly the opportunities to get financing from the FP7 instruments (People and INCO activities) for projects that present the priority fields for the Universities-members of the BSUN, including KPI.

