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of the meeting of the Forest Sector Council  
from September 15, 2020

The regular meeting of the Forest Sector Council under the umbrella of the Lviv Regional State Administration took place on September 15, 2020 (Fig. 1). The following issues were proposed for consideration:

1. Bioeconomy strategy of the Lviv region - the basis of smart specialization of the region (speaker - Mr. Orest Kiyko, Head of the Department of Furniture and Wood Products Technology of the Ukrainian National Forestry University, Professor).
2. About execution of the regional target Program of the forestry development in the Lviv region for 2020 (speaker - Mr. Anatoliy Deyneka, Head of the Lviv Regional Forestry Department).
3. About the EU sectorial budget support: areas of funding (speaker - Mr. Taras Baranetsky, Director of the Lviv Regional Development Agency).



Figure 1. Forest Sector Council meeting (September 15, 2020)

In his report, Professor O. Kiyko spoke about the steps and measures taken during the development of the draft bioeconomy strategy of the Lviv region and the results of the analysis of the bioeconomy potential of the region. Then the vision of the bioeconomy development for the Lviv region was presented:

- bioeconomy is a locomotive for building the future of a prosperous sustainable society. Forest sector is the leader of the bioeconomy of the Lviv region (awareness raising);
- transition from the linear model of the economy to the bioeconomy of the closed cycle (rational and sustainable use of the bio resources);
- development of the human capital for the bioeconomy providing (competence, skills, jobs).



Fig. 2. Prof. O. Kiyko reports to the Forest Sector Council about the results of the development a draft bioeconomy strategy for the Lviv region

The main components of the bioeconomy strategy for the Lviv region are such as:

- Bioeconomy Strategy (specific actions, strategic measures, players involved):
  - resource support for the bioeconomy;
  - waste management;
  - competitiveness;
  - public-private partnership;
  - cooperation;
  - knowledge and education;
  - dissemination.
  
- Main directions of the Bioeconomy Strategy for the Lviv region (Development strategies of the Lviv Region for the period 2021-2027; Bioeconomy – is the smart specialization of the Lviv Region):
  - competitive economy based on smart specialization (36 bioeconomy projects – overall sum – 13,1 billion UAH);
  - clean environment (33 bioeconomy projects – overall sum – 1,4 billion UAH).

- Additional aspects in reference to the Bioeconomy Strategy implementation in the conditions of the economic crises:

- knowledge and education;
- powerful promotional media company;
- raising attractiveness for the regional bioeconomy.

The main directions of the bioeconomy strategy for the Lviv region:

- Creation of a center for supporting the development of the bioeconomy in the Lviv region with the following functions:
  - the analysis of the bioeconomy potential of the region's economy;
  - the coordination of the efforts in reference to the development of the bioeconomy of the Lviv region;
  - the search for additional resources (resource opportunities, including forest resources and wood waste) for the bioeconomy of Lviv region;
  - the holding of the conferences, workshops, round tables in reference to the development of the bioeconomy of the Lviv region;
  - the development of mechanisms for the financial stimulation of the development of the bioeconomy of the Lviv region (regional loan interest compensation programs, voucher programs to stimulate the innovation in the bioeconomy, etc.);
  - the search for grant opportunities for new applications;
  - the creation of a business school for the development of the bioeconomy of the Lviv region;

- the support for innovative educational programs that initiate training for the development of the bioeconomy;
- the creation and support of training courses for workers for the development of the bioeconomy of the Lviv region;
- the creation of the business incubator and accelerator in order to intensify the development of the bioeconomy of the Lviv region.

- The wood resource is the most important in the biosector of the Lviv region. Development and implementation of a resource efficiency system at bio economic enterprises. The preparation proposals for the development the “Law about the Market of Wood” (equal rules for all).
- Weak cooperation between business and science and government. Development and improvement of the “Forest Sector Council” work at LODA. Cooperation system of the scientific institutions with the united territorial communities of the Lviv region.
- State regional program to support the construction of wooden houses:
  - construction of regional socially significant facilities at the expense of the state budget;
  - adaptation of public procurement rules, including decision-making criteria;
  - stimulating the purchase of housing for forced migrants and veterans of war (mortgage programs, credit interest compensation);
  - stimulating the start-up of business in the field of “green tourism”;
  - promotional campaign to support the construction of wooden houses;
  - competitive innovation and voucher programs for the business;
  - preferential business lending program;
  - training programs for the business;
  - introduction of new educational programs;
  - creation of new efficient clusters and technology parks.

The presentation of the draft bioeconomy strategy for the Lviv region provoked lively discussions among the members of the Forest Sector Council and invited stakeholders. In particular, Mr. Volodymyr Vorobey proposed to develop additional directions of the bioeconomy strategy for the Lviv region and to develop specific business models. Ms. Natalia Pysarchuk proposed to include in the development of the bioeconomy strategy of the Lviv region the results obtained during the development of the project “Multiplication of the effect of supporting green tourism on the development the construction of wooden houses as a high-tech element of the bioeconomy of the Lviv region”. Mr. Vasyl Masyk stressed to the need to promote of the wood products. Mr. Orest Hryniv expressed the opinion that an important direction

in the development of the bioeconomy of the Lviv region should be the biofuel production from raw materials of the forest and agricultural sectors.

Following the meeting of the Forest Sector Council, the following decisions were made:

1. The Department of Economic Policy of the Region State Administration to ensure that the draft Bioeconomy Strategy for the Lviv region is brought in line with the regulations of the Lviv Region State Administration, Lviv Region Council and in line with the Lviv Region Development Strategy until 2027.
2. Disseminate among the members of the Forest Sector Council and stakeholders the draft Bioeconomy Strategy for the Lviv region.
3. Organize a group of representatives of business entities of the woodworking industry of the Lviv region to discuss the possibility of implementing the Bioeconomy Strategy of the Lviv region.
4. Based on the results of the submitted proposals to the draft strategy of the bioeconomy of the Lviv region to develop a final version of the strategy.