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From WBCSD Meetings in Brussels
For contacts of BCSD-UK.

The members' version contains expanded information

BCSD-UK CEO David Middleton and Debbie Dorman from the BCSD-UK secretariat attended elements of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development's Liaison Delegates' Meeting in Brussels.

1. **BCSD-UK – a new Action Group on international matters maybe?**
2. **BCSD-UK to help European Network develop protocol for project development**
3. **BCSD-UK to lead on development of Food Security project**
4. **Case Study Portfolio**
5. **European Network to develop project on Mobility**
6. **UK and Austria to explore visit to town best practice example**
7. **UK and Austria to explore exchange programme for young professionals**
8. **European roadshow event to follow successful London event?**
9. **Report from EEB (Energy Efficiency in Buildings) Meeting**

1. **BCSD-UK – G8 - COP – a new Action Group on international matters maybe?**

Following from the AECOM UK/Europe, Shell and SDC sponsored launch in London in July of the WBCSD's 2050 Policy Directions – Energy and Climate has come a raft of discussions about future links into the global political arena. The embryonic idea of forming a BCSD-UK Action Group on International Affairs has been tested with some members with positive results. If you want to know more, contact BCSD-UK CEO David Middleton on 0121 693 8336.

2. **BCSD-UK to help European Network develop protocol for project development**

BCSD-UK has been asked to propose to the European network of WBCSD branches a methodology protocol for the development of projects. The plan is to base it on the method established by the BCSD-UK for its own project work.

3. **BCSD-UK to lead on development of project on Food Security.**

This follows provisional discussions already held amongst some BCSD-UK members for a "Food Security" project in the UK. The idea of the UK project will be reported at the BCSD-UK Summit in Scotland on November 6th which will lead to consultation events.

4. **Case Study Portfolio**

BCSD-UK has volunteered to produce an outline scoping document on a proposed European portfolio of case studies of sustainable development implementation. Idea is for the portfolio to be of good news to promulgate best practice and bad news evidence of barriers (as has the portfolios published by the BCSD-UK in recent years). It was also suggested that the project might be something a university or college might like to put resource into.

5. **European Network to develop project on Mobility**

BCSD-UK France volunteered to head the development of a European network project on mobility. BCSD-UK to provide them with information from the UK Business Taskforce on Sustainable Consumption and Production's Work Group on Mobility.

6. UK and Austria to explore visit to town best practice example

BCSD-UK and BCSD-Austria are to explore the prospects of a joint venture in which the former organises a visit to Gussing (nr Vienna) – a town of best practice in terms of off-grid, renewable energy provision and economic and social benefit from an environmental solution.

7. UK and Austria to explore exchange programme for young professionals

BCSD-UK and BCSD-Austria are to consider developing an exchange programme for young business people. BCSD-UK is to draft first proposal.

8. Follow up to 2050 London launch of 2050 Policy Directions – Energy and Climate

BCSD-UK Portugal is to develop ideas for a “roadshow” to other European WBCSD branches on the 2050 Policy Directions – Energy and Climate following the successful London event staged by the BCSD-UK.

WBCSD has stressed the importance of BCSD-UK continuing to test how the UK business community responds to this vision and ideas.

9. Report from EEB project meeting

- EEB Project Meeting was open to WBCSD members and branches. Meeting led by Christian Kornevall. Delegates from various WBCSD members inc Lafarge, Dow, Skanska, and from BCSD branches in Portugal, Spain, Hong Kong, China, Austria, Guatemala – Anthony Simon ex Unilever who says he is “WBCSD Ambassador” and close friend of WBCSD President Bjorn Stigson - and others plus members of the WBCSD secretariat.
- EEB Facts and Trends now published (launched at this event).
- Summary reports and slides from meeting available to members via DM
- BCSD-UK EEB-UK report prepared by Project Leader Peter Braithwaite of Arup distributed to delegates at this meeting. Report can be seen on BCSD-UK web site.