

## Press Release for BISYPLAN Partner Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> March 2012, Ptolemaida, Greece

Subproject BISYPLAN is implemented within the “BIO-EN-AREA – Improve regional policies for bioenergy and territorial development” funded by the interregional cooperation program INTERREG IVC. The main target of the sub-project BISYPLAN is to produce a handbook for small to medium scale bioenergy systems for application on a local / regional level. The handbook is targeted mostly to local stakeholders and target groups that are involved in the formulation of regional energy planning, strategic decisions and procurement for bioenergy systems and aims to promote the accumulated experience and the best practices achieved in several European areas.

On March 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> 2012, CERTH / ISFTA hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> BISYPLAN subproject meeting in Ptolemaida. The purpose of the meeting was to evaluate the progress of work towards the final goal of the subproject, to critically discuss texts already available and to set the final deadlines for delivery.

Based on the subproject’s progress, the final version of the handbook in all languages (English, Estonian, Greek, Italian) is expected to be available by the end of June 2012 in the subproject’s handbook website: <http://bisyplan.bioenarea.eu/>

In order to provide links to the regional energy sector, the meeting was combined with a visit to the West Macedonia Lignite Center, where the project partners were informed by representatives of Public Power Corporation S.A. on the history and activities of lignite mining and power production. An area of a reclaimed mine as well as the active lignite mine of Mavropigi were included in the visit. In addition, the project partners visited Thermodynamiki S.A., a local boiler manufacturer and the solid fuel analysis laboratory facilities of CERTH / ISFTA.



*The BISYPLAN project partners in the reclaimed mine*



*The BISYPLAN project partners at the lab facilities' of CERTH / ISFTA*