



## **Fact finding trip to Sweden for Finnish hydro power companies**

**EXIGO arranged a Fact finding and business trip to Sweden for Finnish hydro power companies on 1 - 3 November, 2011.**

In the Nordic countries hydro power plays a key role in balancing the production and consumption of electricity. Today, about 50% of Sweden's energy supply -electricity comes from hydro power. Hydro power is easy to regulate and generates energy as soon as the water is released. It isn't dependent on short-term weather conditions or wind, or on time consuming, technically complex start-up processes. Hydro power is a reliable, cost-effective and renewable energy source that produces virtually no emissions that affect the climate or the environment.

Most of the hydro power plants in Sweden are built during 1950 -1960 and are now in need of renovation and upgrading. Market for hydropower re-investments in Sweden is approximately 2.5 billion SEK / year in the coming decade. There is also potential for future construction of small scale hydro power plants.

Finnish hydro power companies got important contacts to the hydro power producers, engineering companies and other key operators on the Swedish market.

This trip was part of Finnish D2B (Direct to Business) project. The D2B project aims at forming a method with which Finnish renewable energy technology and service providing companies gain knowledge on renewable energy markets within EU and on the export potential.

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