



Regional Council of South Ostrobothnia

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European Federation of Regional Energy and
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Declaration "European Regions for Energy
Efficiency and Renewable Energy Sources", an initiative launched by several European
regions.

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Recognising the crucial role of energy for economic development and the environmental situation
in Europe and

Understanding the important contribution sustainable energy production and use can make to a
positive economic and environmental development and

Acting out of responsibility for future generations and in partnership with other regions across
Europe,

We, the undersigned regional and local governments, have made a commitment to increasing
our share of renewable energy and to boosting energy efficiency in our regions. We acknowledge
that energy efficiency and renewable energy sources are most important cornerstones of
sustainable development because they contribute to environment and climate protection, to local
job creation and economic growth, to security of energy supply, to independence from energy price
fluctuations as well as to social cohesion and innovation.

Recognising the importance of local and regional action in making sustainability happen, we are
actively promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy sources in our own buildings,
installations and sites as well as to the citizens, municipalities and businesses in our regions.

Deeply concerned about climate change and the increasing dependency on imported fossil fuels
and their impact on our environment and economies, **we call upon other European regions**, but
also upon local and national governments as well as the European institutions, **to join forces for a
better and more sustainable energy future!**

Tapio Liinamaa
President of Regional Assembly

Annex:

Objectives:

- the self-sufficiency of the energy production, 100% or more
- to be a region of bioenergy sources
- to reduce energy consumption