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The delegations of Agriculture Ministries of the Visegrád Four Group and Bulgaria, Romania and Slovenia discussed the issue of renewable energy resources

The discussion on renewable energy resources showed that the delegations of the Visegrád Four Group Countries and their colleagues from Bulgaria, Romania and Slovenia agree on the importance of biomass in the energy industry. However, they stress the local character without which the use of biomass in practice loses its environmental as well as economic benefits, while they support a greater use of agricultural waste during the production of renewable energy resources. The delegations are fully aware of the growing importance of renewable resources and their importance not only for climate protection but also as a possible source of another financial revenue for farmers with regard to diversification of their activities and the fact resulting from it that the projects aimed at renewable sources of energy implemented in a sensible way contribute to a further development of the European agriculture as well as rural environment. In the whole European Union, a discussion is going on about optimal share of production for food and non-food use. Delegations of Visegrád Four Group and Bulgaria, Romania and Slovenia agreed that provision of a sufficient volume of quality food products and food safety stay the primary task of agriculture while raw materials for renewable energy resources take the second position. The delegations demanded the Polish Presidency of the EU Council to put the question of renewable energy resources on the agenda of the EU Council meeting.