



# NEWSLETTER

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## NEWS from the INDUSTRY

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### NEWS from EREC

**Forum for Local Authorities created:** Within the framework of the Conference "RES for Islands, Tourism and Desalination" (26-28 May 2003), a Forum of Local Authorities in Favour of Renewable Energies, Clean Water and Transport was launched. The Forum will be made up by European local authorities of island tourist destinations a Supporter Group of international organisations and key actors bringing together experience in the fields of sustainable tourism and renewable energy sources, water, and transport, as well as by an Observer Group of key-actors outside of Europe.

*The Declaration of the "Forum of Local Authorities in favour of Renewable Energies, Clean Water and Transport" can be found at:*

*[http://erec-renewables.org/documents/RES\\_for\\_Islands/forum/crete-forum.pdf](http://erec-renewables.org/documents/RES_for_Islands/forum/crete-forum.pdf)*

**Energy Sustainable Communities:** EREC is currently working in an FP5 project that aims at creating a platform of information exchange in order to define the concept and key success factors of sustainable communities in more detail and to foster the implementation of this concept in Europe and in Central and Eastern European Countries (CEECs). Key-actor discussion groups have been established for that purpose. The first meeting will take place on the 3rd October in Wales, in the framework of the GreenHeat Conference 2003 (Rural Heat from Renewable Energy Sources). Experienced actors who have already successfully implemented the concept of sustainable communities on the various levels of sustainable communities (municipalities, urban areas, regions, rural zones, industrial areas, islands) are invited to join the discussions.

*Organisations interested to take part in these discussion groups should get in contact with EREC: [www.erec-renewables.org](http://www.erec-renewables.org)*

**Green X - Workshop:** A workshop will be held next 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2003 in Brussels at the Renewable Energy House in the framework of the project Green X . The core objective of this proposal is to facilitate a significantly increased RES-E generation in a liberalised electricity market with minimal costs to European citizen. A dynamic toolbox GREEN-X will be developed in order to identify most important strategies.

*For more information on these workshops, please contact: [Claus.Huber@tuwien.ac.at](mailto:Claus.Huber@tuwien.ac.at)*

**The proceedings of the conference “RES for Islands, Tourism and Desalination” that took place from the 26-28th May are available.**

The conference proceedings have been published on time for the conference in Crete to be distributed to the more than 175 participants coming from 31 different countries, giving them the opportunity to optimally use the information received by the speakers. If you wish to order the printed proceedings, please send an email to EREC, mentioning the amounts of proceedings you wish to receive. The price per book is €40 (this cost includes postage). Payment is due upon reception of the invoice.

*To consult the table of contents of the proceedings, visit EREC's website: [www.erec-renewables.org](http://www.erec-renewables.org)*

## **NEWS from EREC MEMBERS**

**EWEC 2003: “European Wind Energy Conference and Exhibition”:**The largest ever international wind power event took place between the 16 -19th June 2003 in Madrid, bringing together 2500 people coming to attend the numerous sessions, workshops and visit the impressive exhibition hall. Highlights of the event included a presentation of the vision of the main industry's CEO.

"Europe is not rich in oil, coal or gas, but we have huge wind resources and European companies are world leaders at converting it into energy. Wind power technology is the 'Microsoft of Europe' waiting to be unlocked", said Arthouros Zervos, President of EWEA and EREC, and spokesperson for the EWEC 2003 conference.

*More info under: <http://www.ewea.org>*

**Thematic Network on Small Hydropower:** On the 18th September 2003 the First Workshop of the "Thematic Network on Small Hydropower" project will be held in Bolzano, Italy. The European Small Hydropower Association (ESHA) is coordinating this Thematic Network, whose aims are to identify RD&D and market needs of the SHP sector to overcome barriers and achieve a better exploitation by addressing key issues like (i) cost, (ii) environmental integration, (iii) public acceptance, (iv) integration into energy systems, (v) technological

aspects and (vi) fulfillment of EU and national targets for SHP use and greenhouse gas reduction.

*For more information on the project, please visit [www.esha.be](http://www.esha.be). For registration and further details on the event, please contact [gema.sanbruno@esha.be](mailto:gema.sanbruno@esha.be), or phone at (32) 2 546 1945*

### **Sun in Action II:**

The European Solar Thermal Industry Federation (ESTIF) published in May its "Sun in Action II - a Solar Thermal Strategy for Europe". Built on the analyses of 21 national markets, this study identifies reasons for success and barriers to growth. ESTIF proposes concrete measures to support solar thermal. The study shows a solar thermal potential of 1,4 billion square meters of collector area in the EU - of which only 1% has been realized so far.

Sun in Action II consists of two separate volumes: Volume 1 analyses in depth the European solar thermal market, identifies reasons for success and barriers to growth and proposes concrete measures to promote solar thermal. Volume 2 contains 21 national market reports.

*Both volumes are available for download from <http://www.estif.org/11.0.html>.*

### **Hydrogen should be produced from renewables:**

The European Wind Energy Association (EWEA) warned that a premature push towards the hydrogen economy could have a serious environmental downside. EWEA submitted its policy position to the "High Level Group on Hydrogen and Fuel cells", which is developing a vision document to define a "sustainable energy and transport system for Europe". EWEA argues that the environmental case for developing hydrogen and fuel cell technologies is flawed without large-scale renewable energy production.

*More info at EWEA: [www.ewea.org](http://www.ewea.org)*

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## NEWS from the EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS

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### **ACTIVITIES**

#### **Intelligent Energy for Europe:**

MEPs adopted in May a resolution on the €200m four-year programme promoting renewable energy sources, energy efficiency and clean transport. An energy committee request for the establishment of a new European energy agency was dropped. Socialist rapporteur Eryl McNally (PSE-UK) described it as "a modest programme which is frankly still inadequate".

The programme (2003-2006) concentrates on the promotion of renewable energy sources (ALTENER 80M€), energy efficiency (SAVE 69.8M€), clean transport (STEER 32.6M€) and cooperation in these areas with developing countries (COOPENER 17.6M€).

Tentative timetable: first call for proposals opening August 2003, closing November 2003, first contracts signed early 2004.

Further details available on request from: [emcnally@eufores.org](mailto:emcnally@eufores.org). Information about the programme and upcoming calls will be posted on the DG TREN website of the European Commission: [http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/energy/res/index\\_en.htm](http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/energy/res/index_en.htm)

**CONCERTO: An Information day of the first CONCERTO call for proposal (under FP6) was organised on the 18th June.** CONCERTO, whose aim is to support concrete initiatives of local communities to work towards a completely integrated energy policy, harmonising a substantial use of RES with RUE, will fund integrated demonstration and dissemination actions (including a significant (up to 20%) short-term research component) which are carried out with an EU dimension and which involve the real-scale application of new, renewable and efficient energy technologies. Closure date of the call is: 17th December 2003.

*For further information go to:*

<http://www.managenergy.net/conference/infoday0603.html#concerto>

*To view the descriptions of projects by potential proposers presented during the info-day:*

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/dgs/energy\\_transport/rtd/6/call\\_2/concerto/doc/2003\\_expressions\\_of\\_interest\\_en.pdf](http://europa.eu.int/comm/dgs/energy_transport/rtd/6/call_2/concerto/doc/2003_expressions_of_interest_en.pdf)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

**"World Energy, Technology and Climate Policy Outlook - 2030"** : A recent publication from the European Commission positions Europe in a global context and condenses into one easy-to-read document the following information:

- World energy projections (including future energy demand and supply, carbon dioxide emissions, fossil fuels production and prices, ...);
- Energy technology progress (including learning curves and specific cases for power generation technologies);
- Climate change policy impacts (including a CO<sub>2</sub> emission abatement case and the consequences of accelerated technological development).

*For further information, contact the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities (<http://online.eur-op.eu.int>). The price is €20.*

**Developing energy co-operation with neighbouring countries:** New European Communication sets guidelines to face up to the challenges of growing external energy dependence between the European Union and neighbouring countries. It also examines the need to address infrastructure issues on a regional level, to diversify sources of energy, at both geographical and technological level, and to broaden the basis for energy trade in Europe and its adjoining continents.

*More info: [http://europa.eu.int/comm/energy/ten-e/doc/com\\_2003\\_0262\\_en.pdf](http://europa.eu.int/comm/energy/ten-e/doc/com_2003_0262_en.pdf)*

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## OTHER NEWS

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**Energy Globe Award 2003:** The Energy Globe Award goes to best practice projects from all over the world, which contribute to protect the four basic elements of life and to protect our planet. Last year 1300 projects from 98 countries participated in the Energy Globe Competition. This year again, on the 12th November 2003, such projects will be presented to the international public through a Television Gala.

Anybody can participate in the Energy Globe Competition with a project or an initiative which achieved a careful, efficient and sustainable use of earth, fire (energy), water or air as well as environmental education. Take your chance and participate in the Energy Globe Competition to become the World Champion 2003 for Sustainability. **Projects have to be submitted by August 15th**, by mail, fax or email in German or English.

*To find the official application form, go to: [www.energyglobe.info](http://www.energyglobe.info)*

### **EUFORES has a new president - Mechtild Rothe, MEP**

After Eryl McNally, MEP (PSE-UK) and former President of EUFORES, declared that she will not stand in the 2004 EP elections, she recommended a change in the position of President of EUFORES. The fifth inter-parliamentary meeting organised in Athens (20-21 June), Mechtild Rothe, MEP (PSE-D), was hence chosen unanimously as her successor. She is a well known promoter of renewable energy sources within the European Parliament. The EUFORES members thanked Eryl McNally for her unerring commitment and dedication to EUFORES and elected her as managing Vice President of EUFORES.

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