



# NEWSLETTER

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## NEWS from EREC

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### Impacted assessment of the Campaign for Take-Off completed

EREC together with EUFORES and INSULA was asked by the European Commission to assess the impact of the CTO, the first European promotion campaign for the development of Renewable Energy Sources in Europe launched in 1999. The publication "Campaign for Take-Off, Sharing Skills and Achievements" is finally available and you can download it from the EREC website. ([www.erec-renewables.org](http://www.erec-renewables.org)) This publication analyses the impact of the Campaign for Take-Off, and gives an overview of the main features and best performances achieved during 1999 and 2003. The main purpose of the publication is to share experience and increase replication potential through the dissemination of the results to key political actors.

You can also order a hardcopy by sending an email to [gorza@erec-renewables.org](mailto:gorza@erec-renewables.org)

The project CTO Impact Assessment was concluded in 2003. Further information on follow-up programmes by the European Commission (DG TREN) can be found on [http://europa.eu.int/comm/dgs/energy\\_transport/home/calls/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/dgs/energy_transport/home/calls/index_en.htm)

### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE and DISSEMINATION WORKSHOP Brussels, 23 September 2004

On 23<sup>rd</sup> of September, EREC organised successfully an international conference in the morning and a dissemination workshop in the afternoon aimed at presenting and disseminating the results of the **Green-X** project. The **Green-X** project is funded by the 5<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme of DG RESEARCH and aims at deriving optimal promotion strategies for increasing the share of RES-electricity in a dynamic European electricity market. The core objective of this project is to facilitate a significantly increased electricity generation from renewable energy sources (RES-E) in a liberalised electricity market with minimal costs to European citizen. To identify most important strategies the dynamic *toolbox* **Green-X** was developed, and was presented at the conference.

Around 70 people coming from all the EU Member States attended the morning event. In the afternoon, more than 25 people attended the training session in which experts from the consortium explained and trained the participants on how to use the Green-X toolbox. The presentations of the conference are available on-line on Erec's website at [http://www.erec-renewables.org/projects/proj\\_GreenX.htm](http://www.erec-renewables.org/projects/proj_GreenX.htm) and the toolbox will be available via the internet, too, on the project website [www.green-x.at](http://www.green-x.at) at the end of the project.

For more information, you can contact EREC [erec@erec-renewables.org](mailto:erec@erec-renewables.org)

or the Project coordination team at [www.green-x.at](http://www.green-x.at)

## **Conference Review - RES and RUE for Islands, Cyprus**

The International Conference RES and RUE for Island, the follow-up conference to the Crete conference “RES for islands, tourism and desalination”, took place in Larnaca, Cyprus, on 30 and 31 August 2004. It was a very successful conference organized by the Cyprus Institute of Energy and EREC with the support of the ALTENER programme of the European Commission. Approx. 90 participants included experts and decision makers from Cyprus and beyond, as well as representatives from international agencies and programs, and energy agencies, among others.

The different sessions during the conference focused on RES development in Cyprus – a White Paper for the Republic of Cyprus was presented -, plans and strategies for RES and RUE penetration in islands, RES sector approach considering the tourism, the water and the buildings sectors, integrated systems and tools for islands, and sustainable energy communities.

Furthermore, the conference provided an opportunity to identify suitable RES technologies and to exchange experience on successful application of these technologies on islands, to indicate national and international policies and targets that facilitate the penetration of RES on islands, and to consider best awareness actions that help consolidate the essential role of renewables energies in energy supply, quality of life and environmental protection.

Further information on the project as well as conference presentations can be found under: <http://www.res-cyprus.net/>

## **Successful Delegation visit to China**

From 13 – 16 September 2004, EREC in collaboration with CREIA (Chinese Renewable Energy Industry Association) and EWEA (European Wind Energy Association) successfully organised a series of workshops in Beijing, China. The 4 day seminar was organised in the framework of a SYNERGY project co-ordinated by EREC that looks into building up commercial structures for RES in China (policy advice, capacity building, identification of projects, financing incl. CDM). Partners in China are CREIA, the Chinese Renewable Energy Industry Association and IN-SHP (International Network of Small Hydropower).

The September meetings focused on CDM, the Chinese Renewable Energy Development and Utilization Law to which the European delegation was invited to give its comments, as well as on wind power development in China. The Wind Power Strategy Forum attracted around 100 participants from both China and Europe and was focused on discussing collaboration possibilities.

## **Summary of EREC's position on the communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament “The share of renewable energy in the EU” COM (2004) 366**

EREC welcomes the Commission's Communication and evaluation of the effect of legislative instruments and other Community policies on the development of the contribution of renewable energy sources in the EU, agree with the way the clarification of the role of the guarantee of origin in the calculation of progress towards national targets is dealt with, but disagrees with the more general future scenario and targets of the communication.

EREC wishes to stress the fact that a proposal for heating and cooling would be needed in order to boost the heating and cooling sector which in turn will make the attainment of the target of 12% of the share of renewable energy sources in 2010 more realistic.

EREC and its members however disagree with the more general future scenario and targets of the communication. The Commission does not set targets beyond 2010. This is a deeply deplorable fact since it is believed that targets beyond 2010 could easily stimulate development in the renewables sector and lead to future innovation. EREC and its members support the call from the European Parliament to set a 20% target for 2020 already in 2005. A 20% share of renewable energy sources by 2020 is possible (please take a look at the Targets Briefing launched by EREC at the Berlin conference in January 2004 <http://www.erec-renewables.org/publications/default.htm#target%202020>).

The EREC position paper on the Communication is available on the EREC website at <http://www.erec-renewables.org/publications/default.htm>

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## **NEWS from EREC MEMBERS**

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### **EPIA's and EUREC Agency's joint response to the Vision Paper of the PV TRAC**

EPIA and EUREC Agency made a joint response to the paper published recently by the PV TRAC (Photovoltaic Technology Platform): "A Vision for PV Technology for 2030 and beyond". For the EPIA/EUREC joint response please go to [http://www.pvcatapult.org/documents/WP2\\_EPIA\\_EUREC\\_VisionReport\\_id93.pdf](http://www.pvcatapult.org/documents/WP2_EPIA_EUREC_VisionReport_id93.pdf)

In December 2003 the European Commission established the PV TRAC to define a future vision for PV Technology to 2030 and beyond. PV TRAC's Vision Report was presented during a major conference on 28th September 2004. The future PV Technology Platform will work as a structure to implement the strategy involving all major stakeholders of the sector.

For the Vision Report of the PV TRAC please go to <http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/energy/pdf/vision-report-final.pdf>

For further information on the Conference, the conference programme, and any additional information please go to [http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/research/energy/photovoltaics/introduction\\_en.html](http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/research/energy/photovoltaics/introduction_en.html)

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## **EVENTS organized by EREC or MEMBERS**

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**"International roundtable –**

**Integration of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies in buildings - Experience of Europe. Possibilities in Russia"**

**Moscow, 8 October 2004**

The EU-Russia Technology Centre, the "Intersolarcenter" and the European Renewable Energy Council with support of European Commission Delegation in Moscow organise an International Round Table "Use of Energy efficiency and Renewable Energy technologies in buildings. Experience of Europe. Possibilities in Russia". This roundtable will be held in Moscow at the EC delegation on Friday, 8 October 2004.

The 1st Announcement can be downloaded from  
[http://www.intersolar.ru/events/eng/roundtable\\_1004.shtml](http://www.intersolar.ru/events/eng/roundtable_1004.shtml)

## **2004 European Wind Energy Conference & Exhibition (2004 EWEC)**

*Europe's premier wind energy event*

**22-25 November 2004, London, UK**

### **Registration:**

Register before 14 November for **€100 discount**

Members of EWEA and BWEA get a further **€200 discount** – Join the **European Wind Energy Association** at [http://www.ewea.org/forms/membership\\_request.htm](http://www.ewea.org/forms/membership_request.htm)

To register online go to: <https://www.associationhq.com/shop/ewea/registration.htm>

### **Conference:**

#### **Patricia Hewitt, UK Secretary of State will open the conference**

Patricia Hewitt, UK Secretary of State at the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), will open the conference and the following key political figures have confirmed their presence:

- \* Magareta Wolf, State Secretary, Federal Minister for Environment, Nature Protection and Nuclear Safety, Germany
- \* Jacek Piechota, Secretary of State, Ministry for the Economy, Labour and Social Policy, Poland
- \* Stephen Timms, Energy Minister, UK
- \* Sir David King, Senior Scientific Advisor to HM Government, DTI, UK
- \* Mechtild Rothe, MEP, European Parliament

There will be over 180 oral, 300 visual presentations and 8 parallel workshops from the world's leading experts in the following specific sessions:

To download the Programme Overview go to:  
[http://www.ewea.org/06b\\_events/events\\_2004EWEC\\_Conferenceoverview.htm](http://www.ewea.org/06b_events/events_2004EWEC_Conferenceoverview.htm)

Conference Programme [http://www.ewea.org/documents/2004EWEC\\_FullProgramme.pdf](http://www.ewea.org/documents/2004EWEC_FullProgramme.pdf)

List of Hotels: [Hotels http://www.ewea.org/06b\\_events/events\\_2004EWEC\\_hotels.htm](http://www.ewea.org/06b_events/events_2004EWEC_hotels.htm)

**Wind energy experts and policy makers meet to bring sustainable responses to energy markets across Europe:** [Press release http://www.ewea.org/documents/0902\\_04EWEC\\_programme.pdf](http://www.ewea.org/documents/0902_04EWEC_programme.pdf)

### **Exhibition:**

**Over 230 companies will be present** at the 2004 EWEC event from all sectors of the wind industry. The exhibition halls and conference rooms are located within the same building (less than 5mins walk from each other) facilitating a fully integrated event and greater networking opportunities.

[http://www.ewea.org/06b\\_events/events\\_2004EWEC\\_Exhibition.htm](http://www.ewea.org/06b_events/events_2004EWEC_Exhibition.htm)

Latest floor plan [http://www.ewea.org/documents/2004EWEC\\_Exhibition\\_Floorplan\\_24\\_08\\_04.pdf](http://www.ewea.org/documents/2004EWEC_Exhibition_Floorplan_24_08_04.pdf)

Booking Form [http://www.ewea.org/documents/2004EWEC\\_info\\_low\\_exh.pdf](http://www.ewea.org/documents/2004EWEC_info_low_exh.pdf)

### **Workshop organized by the European Small Hydropower Association on “Fish ladders and Small Hydropower” in Vienna**

**05 October 2004**

**ESHA** organises the **Workshop: “Fish ladders and Small Hydropower”** in the framework of the FP5 project “Thematic Network on SHP” (TNSHP) on 5 October 2004 in Vienna, Austria. The Workshop provides an opportunity to learn about the possibilities of environmental integration with fish ladders and to share experiences from different cases in Europe.

The Workshop will take place at Hotel Mercure, Wien Westbahnhof (Vienna West train station). For further information please contact Maria Laguna at [maria.laguna@esha.be](mailto:maria.laguna@esha.be) <mailto:maria.laguna@esha.be> , or at +32.2.546.19.45. [www.esha.be](http://www.esha.be) <http://www.esha.be>

### **Workshop on R&D Strategy and needs for the Small Hydropower sector in Porto, 19 October 2004 - within Hydro 2004**

This workshop is also organized by **ESHA** and MhyLab, on 19 October 2004, in Porto, Portugal. Connected by a European network, the small hydropower sector keeps on improving itself through the fields of engineering, environment and marketing. So as to take the opportunity to address a panel of specialists during the Hydro 2004 conference, the engineering group proposes a two-hour workshop dealing with R&D strategy and needs for the small hydropower sector. The results of this workshop will be included in the paper "European strategy document for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration in Small Hydropower", which will serve to input in the European commission Seventh Framework Programme (FP7). For further information please contact Maria Laguna at [maria.laguna@esha.be](mailto:maria.laguna@esha.be) <mailto:maria.laguna@esha.be> , or at +32.2.546.19.45. [www.esha.be](http://www.esha.be) <http://www.esha.be>

### **estec2005 - 2nd European Solar Thermal Energy Conference**

**21-22 June 2005**

After the success of the estec2003, the 2nd European Solar Thermal Energy Conference will be the major event for the solar thermal sector next year. It will take place in Freiburg, Germany on 21-22 June 2005. It is organised by **ESTIF**, the European Solar Thermal Industry Foundation, in collaboration with the German Solar Industry Association BSi and with Intersolar, the largest solar trade fair in Europe. More information: [www.estec2005.org](http://www.estec2005.org)

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## November 2004

### The European Bioenergy Business Forum presents THE SECOND CONFERENCE ON EUROPEAN LEGISLATION TO PROMOTE BIOMASS

Brussels, 8 – 9 November 2004

To make bioenergy competitive is the aim of various initiatives at the EU, national and regional level. The conference will address these initiatives, as well as issues such as emission trading, the cap reform, etc. It gives the participants the opportunity to meet the representatives of the EU institutions, the private sector, including financing bodies, and to discuss the issues relevant to their businesses. In addition it is also an opportunity to learn more about the European legislative procedure. The event is organised by the European Bioenergy Business Forum (EBBF), with the support of the European Biomass Association (AEBIOM) and CarbonFix.

For more information, detailed programme and registration visit <http://www.ecop.ucl.ac.be/aebiom>

## March 2005

### WORLD SUSTAINABLE ENERGY DAYS 2005 WELS, AUSTRIA

The conference *Sustainable Communities* will take place on Friday, 4 March 2005 (morning and afternoon). It is embedded in the WOLRD SUSTAINABLE ENERGY DAYS, a 4-day event, organized by O.Ö Energiesparverband, and supported by EREC.

European Pellets Conference - Wednesday, 2-3 March  
Innovative buildings Conference - Thursday, 3 March  
**Sustainable Communities Conference** – Friday, 4 March  
Energy Fair – Saturday, 5 March

For further information please consult [www.esv.or.at](http://www.esv.or.at)  
If you want to receive the conference programme send an email to [office@esv.or.at](mailto:office@esv.or.at)

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