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National Renewable Energy Action Plans: Delivery starts!

Today- the 30th of June 2010- is the date for each of the 27 EU Member States to hand in their National Renewable Energy Action Plans (NREAPs) to the European Commission under the Renewable Energy Directive. The European Renewable Energy Council (EREC) expects all Member States to submit their plans in the coming weeks.

The NREAPs will give an overview of the development of the renewable energy sector until 2020 as well as detailed information on measures to reach the targets. EREC expects the plans to result in Member States at least meeting the EU's 20% target.

2020 is tomorrow: it's time to act!

After one year of the entry into force of the Renewable Energy Directive, EU Member States have to outline how they intend to reach their national binding targets by 2020. *"The Renewable Energy industry anticipates ambitious and consistent action plans ensuring that the EU meets and even exceeds its 20% renewables target by 2020"*, says Christine Lins, Secretary General of the European Renewable Energy Council (EREC).

RES policies enabling reaching the targets

"EREC is convinced that Member States recognise the benefits of ambitious renewables policies, enabling a fast growing industry to make the necessary investments to maintain the EU's global leadership and create new jobs", underlines Lucie Tesnière, EREC Policy Advisor.

Support measures should be sufficient to ensure the achievement of the binding targets. The plans will also present new measures to comply with the directive, especially to support renewable heat, the "sleeping giant". A large range of technologies should be supported to diversify the energy mix of the Member States and ensure increased security of supply.

Achieving at least 20% RES by 2020 domestically

"EREC firmly believes that the EU-27 can reach at least 20% by 2020 within the EU's boundaries – domestic action will bring domestic benefits for European companies, citizens and society at large", Lucie Tesnière points out. Early this year, the 27 EU Member States indicated already in their 27 forecast documents that the EU will exceed 20% renewable energy by 2020. *"In economically challenging times, Europe needs a strong future-oriented industry and creation of new jobs. Now Member States need to capture the economic, environmental and social benefits of developing renewable energy technologies nationally"*, underlines Lucie Tesnière.

EREC, the European Renewable Energy Council, is the umbrella organisation of the major European renewable energy industry, trade and research associations active in the field of photovoltaics, small hydropower, solar thermal, bioenergy, ocean & marine, geothermal, wind energy and solar thermal electricity. It represents an industry with an annual turnover of more than €70 billion and more than 550,000 employees.