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3rd European Renewable Energy Policy Conference

> **First Announcement**

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“ *The 3rd European Renewable Energy Policy Conference will provide a major platform for interaction between the European Renewable Energy Industry and the newly elected European Parliament as well the new European Commission. The conference will debate the necessary steps to make the binding 20 % renewable energy target by 2020 become a reality and will highlight the leadership of the European renewable energy industry in the global arena.* ”

Arthouros Zervos, President of the European Renewable Energy Council (EREC)

Context

Renewable energy sources together with energy efficiency provide an answer to the future challenges of Europe's energy policy. In December 2008, the EU institutions adopted the energy & climate package contains the Renewable Energy Directive creating a framework for reaching the 20% RES objective by 2020. Until June 2010, Member States will have to submit national renewable energy action plans on how they intend to reach their renewable energy objective. **The 3rd European Renewable Energy Conference will provide the platform for the EU renewable energy industry to express their future needs. The conference will create an exclusive platform for high-level information exchange between industry and policy.**

Meeting the 20% target requires investments of more than € 400 billion, consequently the investor community should seek the latest developments. These efforts and achievements will be presented, evaluated and discussed during the 3rd European Renewable Energy Policy Conference.

In order to ensure the reaching of this target & provide adequate frameworks for the EU RES industry, national implementation is key and will be one of the focal areas of the **3rd European Renewable Energy Policy Conference** which will take place from 16-17 November 2009 within the frame of the Swedish Presidency of the Council of the European Union. 2009 is a key year on the EU agenda with elections of EU Parliament in June 2009 and a new Commission that should be in place as of early November 2009. **The 3rd European Renewable Energy Policy Conference will provide a unique platform for interaction between the European Renewable Energy Industry and the new EU institutions.**

The 3rd European Renewable Energy Policy Conference will:

- Debate the implementation of new EU legislation in the field of renewable energy
- Provide a forum for discussion on National Renewable Energy Action Plans which Member States need to submit to the European Commission by June 2010
- Provide a panorama of the European Renewable Energy Industry
- Evaluate the investment needs in the renewable energy sector
- Explain the broader context of the energy and climate challenge
- Provide a discussion forum for market & policy prospects, exchange of experience, reinforced policies and new renewable energy initiatives

Conference Registration

The Online Registration Form is available on the conference website:
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Programme

The programme will be structured around the following themes:

• RES policy framework

The 3rd Renewable Energy Policy Conference will give an update on the RES Framework Directive, the most important legislation affecting renewable energy development in the world. Information on the latest European and national RES policy developments will be also provided and discussed. A focus will be placed on discussing National Renewable Energy Action Plans which Member States need to submit to the European Commission by June 2010, which will be a major tool in ensuring that Member States provide an adequate framework for reaching their national 2020 RES objective.

• Renewable energy - an emerging business sector

Come and inform yourself about the latest trends in the renewable energy industry, one of the fastest growing industry sectors of Europe with two-digit growth rates in most sectors and outstanding employment opportunities. This conference track will also give an overview of the research & innovation needs of the sectors and will focus on the requested financial needs and opportunities of the sector.

• Renewable energy contributing to security of supply

Renewable energy sources have a considerable potential for increasing security of supply in Europe. This is particularly important as the European Union today is already heavily dependant on energy imports and this figure is likely to increase up to 70% unless we change direction. RES development together with increased energy efficiency is the only option to counterbalance the economic, societal, ecological and safety risks related to this energy import dependency.

• Renewable energy - the solution to climate change

Climate change is arguably one of the greatest environmental threats the world is facing. At the heart of the issue is an energy system based on fossil fuels, that is mainly responsible for greenhouse gas emissions. On the contrary, renewable energy provides one of the leading solutions to the climate change challenge. By providing 'carbon-neutral' sources of power, heat, cooling and transport fuels, renewable energy options offer a safe transition to a low carbon economy.



Sponsorship opportunities

For further information and to receive full details on sponsorship packages, contact Sophie Liberatore, EREC Marketing Manager at liberatore@erec.org

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Why attend?

For decision makers and industry alike, it is the best opportunity to meet, network and be fully updated on all the key developments in energy policy.

It will provide you with a solid base for making informed decisions and arm you with the tools, information and contacts necessary to play a key role in the multi billion Euro renewable energy industry.

GAIN first hand knowledge and experience from key decision makers and industry leaders

INFLUENCE the development of RES policy

BENEFIT from unique and unrivalled networking opportunities

OBTAIN insight in and understanding of the key policy issues

Who should attend?

At least 800 relevant stakeholders are expected to attend from a range of backgrounds:

- EU institutions and permanent representations
- National governments and local administrations
- Energy agencies
- Energy regulators and power companies
- Renewable energy industries
- Utilities and TSOs
- Research and academic institutes
- Environmental NGOs and consumer groups
- Consultancies
- Financial institutions and insurance sector

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