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3rd European Renewable Energy Policy Conference

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Priorities during The Swedish Presidency of the EU

The biggest and most important challenges of our time are the **economy, employment** and **climate** – issues that affect each and every citizen of the EU. One of the primary objectives of the Swedish Presidency is to take continued responsibility for the climate threat. The task of the Presidency, together with other parties, is to work for the adoption of a **new climate agreement** during the international climate negotiations in Copenhagen in December.

Energy issues will continue to be a high priority in view of the international climate negotiations. The transition to an **Eco-Efficient Economy** in Europe will be necessary to reach the goals for competitiveness, energy security and a sustainable environmental policy. Renewable energy technologies have an important role in reaching sustainable energy consumption in Europe.

The **Second Strategic Energy Review**, and the package of initiatives on the **security of supply** presented by the Commission in November 2008, will govern this work. The focus during the autumn will be on energy efficiency. The Presidency intends to work to ensure that a decision is taken on the proposed revision of the Directive on Energy Efficiency in Buildings, the proposed revision of the Energy Labelling Directive and the draft Directive on Energy Labelling of Tyres. The Ministers for Energy will also discuss and contribute to the Commission's forthcoming revised Action Plan on Energy Efficiency.

The transition to a European Eco-Efficient Economy was the main theme during the informal meetings of the Ministers for Energy and Ministers for the Environment in July, with particular focus on efficient energy systems. This topic – of how Europe can become more competitive and simultaneously manage current challenges of climate change and energy supply – will be further discussed at the informal meeting of the Ministers for Competitiveness in mid-October.

This conference presents a unique opportunity for policy makers to meet with experts in the renewable energy sector and to discuss relevant issues for the further deployment of renewable energy technologies in Europe. This conference will also give the opportunity for environmental NGOs and consumer groups to voice their concerns to policy makers and industry, thus turning this 3rd European Renewable Energy Policy Conference into a truly open platform for debate. The conference will therefore be a timely input to the on-going national implementation of the newly adopted Directive on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable energy sources.



Maud Olofsson, Swedish Minister for Enterprise and Energy, Deputy Prime Minister

The Renewable Energy Sector has become a driving force for a sustainable economy in the 21st century. Investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency will lead the way out of the economic crisis that Europe and the world at large are facing today. Confronted not only with an economic crisis but also with the challenge posed by climate change, as well as increasing import dependency and raising fossil fuel prices, it is a matter of urgency that we come up with a solution now and for future generations on how to conserve economic and social livelihoods and maintain a balanced ecological system. By promoting renewable energy technologies, we are able to tackle both security of energy supply and climate change, while at the same time creating a future-oriented sustainable economy. Already today the sector is providing more than 450.000 jobs and has an annual turnover exceeding €45 billion.



After the agreement reached by the European Parliament and the Council in December last year concerning the Climate and Energy Package, it is now time for the implementation, both at a national and regional scale, of the new Renewable Energy Sources Directive. Member States will shortly set up their national strategies for boosting the development of renewable energy. They must submit their National Renewable Energy Action Plans by the end of June 2010 to the Commission. These NREAPs, outlining how Member States intend to comply with their renewable energy commitment, will be crucial for ensuring that all EU-27 Member States provide a reliable framework and make clear progress towards their 2020 national binding targets. I am convinced that if properly transposed into national law, the RES Directive will be the most ambitious piece of legislation on renewable energy in the world.

The 3rd European Renewable Energy Conference, taking place within the framework of the Swedish Presidency of the Council of the European Union, will provide a unique opportunity for the European Renewable Energy Industry, the new European Parliament and the European Commission to discuss concrete actions and develop clear strategies for the years to come. Furthermore, leading experts, companies, decision and policy makers will present and elaborate the investment needs for meeting the 20% target and the role renewable energy technologies can play in an International Climate Change Agreement.

This conference is the most effective platform for renewable energy professionals to meet and network with key players and to share the latest information on all relevant issues. Above all, this platform will enable participants to play a crucial role in the follow-up process to the RES Directive (as part of the Climate and Energy Package), developing strategies for further uptake of renewable energy technologies.

I now extend to you all a warm welcome to Europe's most important renewable energy policy conference.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'Arthouros Zervos'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written on a white background.

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Monday 16 November 2009

High-level Opening Session

Europe's demand for energy is increasing in an environment of high and unstable energy prices. Greenhouse gas emissions are rising. Natural reserves of fossil fuels like oil and gas are concentrated in just a few supplier countries. Climate change, import dependency and a worsening of the security of energy supply are only a few of the risks the European economy faces today.

This high-level Opening Session of the 3rd European Renewable Energy Policy Conference will on the one hand discuss the role of renewable energy technologies, presenting them as a key solution to the current and up-coming economic, social and environmental challenges, and on the other hand, outline the vision of leading figures from industry and politics on the future of renewable energy deployment in Europe.



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Session 1: Sustainable Recovery and Job Creation: Renewable Energy as a Key Driver

Europe and the world at large are facing a financial and economic crisis. Even when taking into account the measures taken so far, millions of employees may well lose their job in the EU and around the globe in the near future. At the same time as this is happening, climate change is increasingly becoming a reality and the dramatic consequences are already visible today.

Investments in renewable energy technologies are the most sustainable way of tackling both the long-term impacts of climate change and the short-term impacts of the economic crisis. By investing in renewable energy technologies, a future-oriented sustainable economy can be created and thousands of people already benefit from this achievement in terms of professional activity.

In this session, participants will focus on the enormous potential of renewable energy technologies to create jobs, achieve a green recovery and explore ways to best turn this crisis into an opportunity, thus refocusing the economy, create sustainable growth, trigger a 21st century employment boom and, at the same time, combat climate change.



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Session 2: Renewable Energy Policies for a Competitive Europe

In December 2008, the European Parliament and the Council of the EU agreed upon the climate and energy package containing the new European Directive on the promotion of renewable energy sources. This directive sets a binding EU target for the share of renewable energies of at least 20% by 2020, as well as national targets. Now that the Directive has come into force following its publication in the Official Journal of the EU in early June 2009, the EU as a whole has to pass the test as to whether its Member States succeed in tackling the challenges and meeting the objectives successfully.

This session will debate the implementation of the Renewable Energy Directive and discuss in particular the National Renewable Energy Action Plans, which Member States need to submit to the European Commission by June 2010. Moreover, panelists will discuss related policy issues of utmost importance such as the recast of the Buildings Directive, grid infrastructure as well as bioenergy sustainability.

Session 3: A Secure and Sustainable EU Energy Future: Funding Renewable Energy Technologies

The renewable energy industry is one of the fastest growing industry sectors in Europe with two-digit growth rates in most sectors and enormous employment opportunities. This is due to two important facts: favourable legal frameworks and financial support for research and development. Both these factors have created a positive self-reinforcing cycle of innovation and growth.

This session will be centered on the issue of financial instruments for funding research and development. Panelists will elaborate upon relevant political issues and funding mechanisms such as the Strategic Energy Technology Plan (SET-Plan), the Communication on financing of low-carbon technologies, the Emission Trading Scheme containing the New Entrants Reserve (NER300) as well as their expectations on the 8th Framework Programme for Research & Development (FP8).



Session 4: Saving the Climate: The Role of Renewable Energy

Climate change is one of the greatest challenges the world is facing today. The main accelerator of climate change is the emission of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere through burning fossil fuels. However, renewable energy sources provide one of the key solutions to climate change mitigation. By providing sustainable sources of electricity, heating and cooling as well as transport fuels, renewable energy options offer a major tool for the transition from an energy-wasting and fossil fuel based economy into an energy-efficient and renewable energy based economy.

In this panel discussion session, participants will give an insight into the up-coming negotiations of the Conference of the Parties (COP15) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Copenhagen in December 2009, discuss the way ahead, as well as analyse how and to what extent renewable energy technologies can contribute to the necessary adaption to climate change.

Session 5: A Global Perspective: Renewable Energy for all continents

The European renewable energy industry is the leader on the international market. Over the past decade, the EU has provided research and development support to different renewable energy technologies, and has set up an important legislative framework for the promotion of these. However, more and more countries are catching up and getting involved in the development of renewable energy technologies, including emerging economies such as China and India.

This panel will offer a global perspective on the development of renewable energy technologies on all continents, and explore different success stories and best-practice examples of a diverse range of countries.

Session 6: Energizing the Euro-Mediterranean Region: The Mediterranean Solar Plan

The Mediterranean Solar Plan (MSP) was announced on 13th July 2008 at the Paris Summit for the Mediterranean region. It was concluded that market deployment as well as research and development of renewable energy technologies are and should be a priority in terms of efforts deployed towards assuring sustainable development. The objective of the MSP is to reach 20 GW of new renewable energy capacity by 2020.

The panelists of this session will discuss the political, financial and industrial needs and how to best make the MSP a win-win situation for everybody involved.



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09.00 - 10.00	Registration and Welcome Coffee
10.00 - 11.00	<p>High-level Opening Session</p> <p>Andris Piebalgs, European Commissioner for Energy</p> <p>Anni Podimata, Vice President of the ITRE Committee, European Parliament</p> <p>Maud Olofsson, Minister for Enterprise and Energy, Sweden</p> <p>Prof. Arthouros Zervos, President of EREC</p>
11.30 -13.00	<p>SESSION 1: Sustainable Recovery and Job Creation: Renewable Energy as a Key Driver</p> <p>Key-note: Ditlev Engel, President & CEO, Vestas Wind Systems A/S Anil Srivastava, CEO, AREVA Renewable</p> <p>Panelists: Claude Turmes, Member of European Parliament Rainer Hinrichs-Rahlwes, Board Member, BEE, Germany Olivier Drücke, President, ESTIF Angus McCrone, Chief Editor, New Energy Finance Claudia Kemfert, Head of Energy, Transportation, and Environment department, German Institute for Economic Research</p>
13.00 - 14.30	Lunch
14.30 - 16.30	<p>SESSION 2: Renewable Energy Policies for a Competitive Europe</p> <p>Key-note: Christopher Jones, Director for New and Renewable Sources of Energy, DG TREN, European Commission</p> <p>Panelists: Mechtild Rothe, President, EUFORES Fiona Hall, Member of European Parliament Michèle Pappalardo, Commissaire générale et déléguée interministérielle au développement durable, France Tony Long, Director European Policy Office, WWF Christian Kjaer, CEO, EWEA Rob Vierhout, Secretary General, eBIO</p>
16.30 - 17.00	Coffee break
17.00 - 18.00	<p>SESSION 3: A Secure and Sustainable EU Energy Future: Funding Renewable Energy Technologies</p> <p>Key-note: Philippe Maystadt, President, EIB</p> <p>Panelists: Paul Rübige, Member of European Parliament Raffaele Liberali, Director Energy, DG Research, European Commission Didier Herbert, Head of Unit, DG Enterprise & Industry, European Commission Winfried Hoffmann, President, EPIA Keith Melton, President, EUREC Agency</p>
19.00	Cocktail Reception sponsored by SunPower

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09.00 - 11.00	SESSION 4: Saving the Climate: The Role of Renewable Energy
Key-note:	Karl Falkenberg , General Director, DG Environment, European Commission
Panelists:	Thomas Becker , Deputy Permanent Secretary, Danish Ministry of Climate & Energy Sven Teske , Director Renewable Energy, Greenpeace International Stéphane Pouffary , ADEME, Sustainable Buildings and Climate Initiative (SBCI) – Chairman of the Climate Change Think Tank
11.00 -11.30	Coffee break
11.30 -13.30	SESSION 5: A Global Perspective: Renewable Energy for all continents
Key-note:	Mohamed El-Ashry , Chair of REN21 Steering Committee
Panelists:	Prof. Arthouros Zervos , President of EREC Michael T. Eckhart , President, ACORE, USA Li Junfeng , Secretary General, CREIA, China Ibrahim Togola , Director of IFC, Mali Matthew Warren , CEO, Clean Energy Council, Australia Shri. V. Subramanian , Secretary General, INWEA, India
13.30 - 15.00	Lunch
15.00 - 17.00	SESSION 6: Energizing the Euro-Mediterranean Region: The Mediterranean Solar Plan
Key-note:	Benita Ferrero-Waldner , European Commissioner for External Relations
Panelists:	N.N., Spanish Presidency José Alfonso Nebrera , President, ESTELA Maria da Graca Carvalho , Member of European Parliament Representatives of south-Mediterranean countries
17.30	End of the 3 rd European Renewable Energy Policy Conference

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9th Inter-Parliamentary Meeting on Renewable Energy Sources and Energy Efficiency (IPM9) Parliament of Belgium, Brussels, 18th November 2009



EUFORES is organising its 9th Inter-Parliamentary Meeting in the Parliament of Belgium in Brussels. Members of the European Parliament, Members of National Parliaments, Representatives of the European Commission, Permanent Representations of EU Member States, scientific experts and selected experts from the industry and NGO sector will discuss the latest state of renewable energy and energy efficiency in Europe.

Now that the Renewable Energy Directive has come into force, the implementation of this historic piece of legislation is of paramount importance. The EU Member States will have to deliver National Renewable Energy Action Plans (NREAP) until 30 June 2010 – based on the mandatory NREAP-template recently published by the European Commission. In order to facilitate the implementation of this directive, EUFORES is taking this up in its IPM9. The 3rd European Renewable Energy Policy Conference and the EUFORES IPM9 form a perfect bundle of events in order to support the next chapter of renewable energy deployment all over Europe.

Modalities of attendance – upon invitation only!

Participation in the IPM9 is upon invitation only for MEPs, MPs, EU Commission, Permanent Representations, selected experts and the non-parliamentary members of EUFORES.

About EUFORES

EUFORES – the European Forum for Renewable Energy Sources – is a European parliamentary network with Members from all major political groups in the European Parliament as well as in the national EU Member States Parliaments. EUFORES promotes the deployment of renewable energy sources and energy efficiency within Europe.

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Monday 16 November 2009 at 10:00

Closing of the Conference:

Tuesday 17 November 2009 at 17:30

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Flagey Convention Centre

Place Sainte Croix

1040 Brussels - Belgium

www.flagey.be

Registration

Participants wishing to attend the conference are encouraged to register online in advance and as early as possible in order to benefit from low registration fees.

We recommend to make use of the Online Registration on the Conference website:

www.erec.org/policyconference2009

Access to all sessions and conference activities is subject to availability. Places will be allocated on a first pay first serve basis. Only the settlement of the registration fee secures a conference entrance.



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Early bird registration BEFORE 30 SEPTEMBER	200 €	300 €
Late registration AFTER 30 SEPTEMBER	400 €	500 €
Onsite registration	400 €	500 €

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Representatives of governmental bodies can participate free of charge.

Registration fees are valid for one person and not transferable and include, conference material, coffee breaks, lunches and conference reception.

For more information and on-line registration please consult the Conference website:

www.erec.org/policyconference2009

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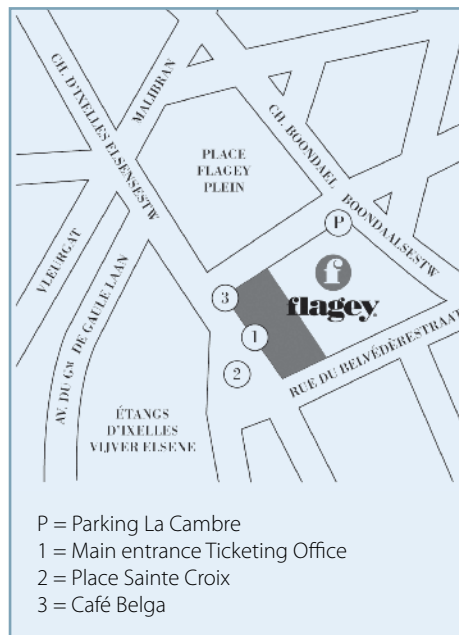
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