

2007 European Renewable Energy Policy Conference

**Security of Supply, Environmental Protection,
Competitiveness**

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Setting the Background

- EU has deployed efforts for more than 30 years to develop renewable energy technologies through Research, Innovations and more recently legislative actions
- Several conference on Renewable Energy in Brussels already exist but dedicated conference on the evaluation of policies was missing
- Based on European Conference on Renewable Energy (19-21 Jan. 2004, Berlin)

Main Objectives

- Evaluating Renewable Energy Sources existing policies and initiatives and presenting the needs for further market uptake
- Providing a discussion forum for market & Policy prospects, exchange of experience, reinforced policies and new renewable energy initiatives

Main Results

- Quantitative results
 - 800 registered participants from 45 different countries
 - 67 speakers from Government, the industry sector and European institutions,
- Qualitative results
 - High profile conference with very interactive discussions
 - Political outcome: Brussels Declaration
 - 75 accredited Press members at the Press Conference

Conclusions

Conference conclusions were presented by the facilitator Mr. Svend Auken as the Brussels Declaration on the New Role of Renewable Energy Sources for a Sustainable, Secure and Competitive Energy Future for Europe. The Conference underlined among other matters that:

- Renewable Energy is an integral part of an integrated European Energy and Climate Policy to combat climate change, enhance energy security and increase job opportunities and economic growth both in the European Union and worldwide.

– Renewables have a considerable potential to reduce Europe's dependency on energy imports, to diversify energy sources and to boost distributed generation, thus widening the scope for solidarity in the EU.

– Renewables have the potential to grow much faster than any other energy source. Stable policy framework conditions and a level playing field would provide much needed investment security.