

EREC 2011

EUROPE'S RENEWABLE ENERGY POLICY CONFERENCE

Brussels, 24 May 2011

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Monday 23rd May 2011

19.00 – 21.00 Welcome Reception and Launch of Smart-e Buildings Portal

Venue: Renewable Energy House (REH), Brussels
(Rue d'Arlon 63-67, 1040 Brussels, Belgium)

Tuesday 24th May 2011

Venue: Management Centre Europe (MCE), Brussels
(Rue de l'Aqueduc 118, 1050 Brussels, Belgium)

08.00 – 09.00 Registration and Welcome Coffee

09.00 – 10.30 High-Level Opening Session

Session Description

Leading political figures from the European and international institutions as well as national governments will open the conference with visionary speeches. Setting the scene for EREC 2011, the speakers will share their views on the future of the renewables energy industries at the Member State and European levels.

Chairperson:

Christine Lins, Secretary General, European Renewable Energy Council (EREC)

Speakers:

Péter Olajos Deputy State Secretary for Climate Change and Green Development, Hungary
Philip Lowe Director-General for Energy, European Commission
Claude Turmes Member of European Parliament / President of EUFORES
Richard H. Jones Deputy Executive Director of the International Energy Agency (IEA)
Arthouros Zervos President of the European Renewable Energy Council (EREC)

10.30 – 11.00 EREC Press Conference and Coffee Break

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11.00 – 12.30 Vision Panel: “Defining the Future – Acting Today”

Session Description

Europe's current energy system is confronted with a number of uncertainties: unpredictable and highly volatile fossil fuel prices and the resulting economic challenges, geopolitical risks related to import dependency, and the harmful environmental consequences of fossil fuel based energy generation. The answer to these challenges is not beyond our reach, the solution, in fact, lays in our hands and with it our ability to change the future. By switching from fossil fuel, greenhouse gas intensive sources of energy to renewable sources of energy, Europe is able to fully grasp its sustainable potential - in economic, ecologic and social terms. This panel will present different visions up to 2050, looking into how Europe's energy system needs to be shaped today in order to ensure a sustainable energy future for the European Union. Presentations will be followed by a panel discussion.

Chairperson and Moderator:

Darius Snieckus, REcharge

Speakers:

“Energy autarky 2050 –Leading by Example”

Günter Liebel

Director General, Head of Department General Environmental Policy /
Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management of Austria

“Roadmap to Europe's Energy Future”

Tom Howes

Deputy Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Energy, European Commission

“RE-thinking 2050”

Josche Muth

Deputy Secretary General, European Renewable Energy Council (EREC)

“The European Supergrid”

Marcello Del Brenna

CEO of Prysmian Powerlink and Chairman of the Board of Friends of the Supergrid

“100% by 2025 - Municipal Utility goes renewable”

Florian Bieberbach

Chief Financial Officer, Stadtwerke München

“The Urban Future”

Hans Lundberg

The Swedish Experience

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12.30 – 14.00 IEA Press Conference : Launch of New Book “Harnessing Variable Renewables” (Lunch Buffet will be provided)

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.30 Reality Panel: “Challenging the Present – Delivering 2020”

Session Description

This session will present a reality check of where the renewable energy sector stands today. Panellists covering different sectors and with different backgrounds will give an overview on the implementation of EU policies such as the White Paper in terms of targets and the Renewable Energy Directive. They will outline their views on how the EU is to be on track towards reaching its binding 20% renewable energy targets. Presentations will be followed by a panel discussion.

Chairperson and Moderator:

Ben Backwell, REcharge

Speakers:

“Concerting Action for a sound implementation”

Hans van Steen

Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Energy, European Commission

“The green economic miracle at the example of Upper Austria”

Rudi Anschober

Regional Minister for Energy of Upper Austria

“RES 2020: Opportunities and Challenges”

Susanne Nies

Head of Unit, Eurelectric

“Cinderella comes to the ball: The Role of Heating & Cooling from Renewables”

Gerhard Stryi-Hipp

President of RHC-Platform / Head of Energy Policy at Fraunhofer ISE

“Supporting the Transition”

Krisjanis Karins

Member of the ITRE Committee, European Parliament

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee Break

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16.00 – 17.00 Infrastructure Panel: “Building the Backbone – the EU’s Infrastructure Needs”

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There is a clear need for an integrated European infrastructure. Whereas today’s power grids are designed to transport electricity from centralised power stations to consumers, the future power system has to be more versatile and allow for a combined approach of both centralised and decentralised renewable energy power generation. District heating and cooling infrastructure as well as combined heat and power (CHP) systems based on renewable energy sources have to be seen as an integral part of Europe’s infrastructure vision, which is not limited to electricity grids. Furthermore, buildings which have the potential to turn from energy consumers into energy producers will play a key role in such an integrated infrastructure approach. The panel will debate what kind of infrastructure concept will allow Europe to integrate the high shares of renewable power & heat needed both in an EU network and in the buildings sector.

Moderator:

Jakob Bork, Europe 360

Panellists:

Jean-Arnold Vinois

Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Energy, European Commission

Hubert Lemmens

Chairperson Research and Development Committee, ENTSO-E

Fiona Hall

Member of the ITRE Committee, European Parliament

Fiona Riddoch

Managing Director, COGEN Europe

Pekka Sauri

Deputy Mayor of Helsinki, Member of the Covenant of Mayors

Steve Clarke

Development Director (Offshore Energy), Mainstream Renewable Power

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17.00 – 18.00 Financing Panel: “Smart Investments for a Sustainable Future”

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In the midst of two difficult years in terms of the economy, the renewable energy industry has some remarkable results to show off, having survived both a worldwide financial crisis and serious capital shortages. With liquidity returning to the markets, the outlook is positive, however, massive investments are needed for the ‘clean energy revolution’ so praised at the moment. This session will review the policy, regulatory and financial implications and priorities for attracting capital and for delivering public policy goals, by highlighting notable trends that are on the radar screens of those leading the finance agenda.

Moderator:

Peter Ehrlich, Financial Times Deutschland

Panellists:

Arnaud Mercier

Policy Officer, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission

Maja Wessels

Executive Vice President for Public Affairs, First Solar

Michael Eckhart

Managing Director Institutional Clients Group, Citigroup Global Markets

Anni Podimata

Vice Chair of the ITRE Committee, European Parliament

Guy Turner

Director, Carbon Markets and Renewable Energy Certificates, Bloomberg New Energy Finance

Eugene Howard

Energy Efficiency and Renewables Division, European Investment Bank

18.00 – 18.30 Closing Remarks

19.00 – 22.00 EREC 2011 Walking Dinner under the Solar Impulse Wings at Brussels Airport Hangar

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