

« Freedom, justice and solidarity in Europe and the world are essentially dependent on our future energy policy.



Energy concerns will be one of the key issues of the 21st century for interaction between economic, foreign, security and environmental policy. Renewable energies play a central role in this context. I want to use Germany's Presidency of the EU - and of the G8 - to achieve a major step forward. »

Sigmar Gabriel,
Federal Minister for the Environment, Germany

« The European Union and its Member States have pioneered policy initiatives to drive renewables forward. Building upon this, the 2007 European Renewable Energy Policy Conference will be the single most influential renewable energy policy event in 2007 for discussing further steps. »



Mechtild Rothe,
Member of the European Parliament,
President of EUFORES

« Europe's industry is market leader in renewables, with an annual turnover of more than 15 billion €. The 2007 European Renewable Energy Policy Conference will intensify dialogue between industry and policy makers. »



Arthouros Zervos,
President of EREC

WHO SHOULD ATTEND ?

At least 650 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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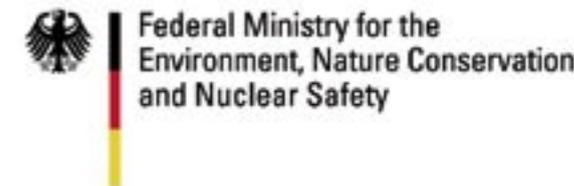
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2007 European Renewable Energy Policy Conference

First Announcement

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Background

For a long time, energy policy had largely been taken for granted, with abundant supplies and relatively stable prices. But the situation has dramatically changed, with a much tighter energy market and significantly higher and volatile prices hampering the EU's competitiveness due to its high and further rising dependence on energy imports.

In order to guarantee security, stability and prosperity in and around Europe, an ambitious and coherent energy policy is a crucial requirement for the European Union and the 25 Member States. The European Commission has recently set out its vision for an Energy Strategy for Europe in the new Green Paper, launching an EU wide discussion on "Fuelling our future". The Commission proposes a new Road Map for renewable energy sources in the EU, with possible targets to 2020 and beyond in order to provide a stable investment climate to generate more competitive renewable energy in Europe. The issue of an "Energy Policy for Europe" will also remain on the agenda of the European Council seeking to adopt a prioritised Action Plan at its 2007 spring session.

Such an energy policy should rely on a common political will and respond to security of energy supply, economic growth, sustainable development, climate change, employment and technological development. Renewable energy technologies in combination with energy efficiency have a positive effect on all of these goals.

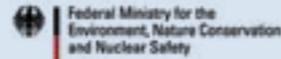
Europe is at the forefront of renewable energy development worldwide and has significant experience in the formulation of proactive policy measures in this area. The Community and its Member States have laid down clear and ambitious targets for renewable energy by 2010 - a share of 12% of renewable energy in gross inland energy consumption, a share of 22% for green electricity and a share of 5.75% for biofuels. The last European Council considered to raise these targets, by 2015, for the share of renewable energies up to 15% and the proportion of biofuels up to 8%. The European Parliament asked for a legislative act to double the renewable energy share for heating and cooling by 2020. Legislation has been adopted to implement the existing objectives, further policy development may need further legislation to ensure a stable investment climate.

The German Presidency of the Council of the European Union in the first half of 2007 provides an excellent opportunity to gather decision makers as well as industry and other stakeholders to discuss the role of renewables in the "Energy Policy for Europe".

Objectives

Building on previous efforts and achievements such as the European Conference for Renewable energy 'Intelligent Policy Options' (19-21 January 2004, Berlin) organised successfully with the support of the European Commission (DG TREN), and in order to realise national and sectoral mid-term targets, further analysis and concerted efforts on political, legislative, administrative, social, cultural, economic and marketing aspects are required in order to achieve a sound long-term development of RES.

These efforts and achievements will be presented, evaluated and discussed during the **2007 European Renewable Energy Policy Conference** as well as future policy development. It aims to be the meeting place for European renewable energy industry representatives and national & European policy makers. It will provide a platform for the sharing of ideas, discussion of concepts and the making of recommendations for a future strategy towards a sustainable energy supply.



The event taking place within the frame of the German Presidency of the Council of the European Union will:

- Present and evaluate the most important Renewable Energy policy developments and bring forward new initiatives
- Facilitate networking between senior decision makers and leading industry players

Venue & Date

Flagey Convention Centre
Place Saint Croix
1050 Brussels

29-31 January 2007

Joint Conference organisers

The German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) and the European Renewable Energy Council (EREC)

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Programme

The programme will be structured around 3 leading themes

• RES market development and contribution to the Energy Policy for Europe

This theme will contain presentations that give an overview of the latest technological, financial and economic information on renewable energy technologies as well as their contribution to security of energy supply, Europe's competitiveness, environmental protection, reduction of import dependency, the role in energy diplomacy and peace keeping.

• RES policies framework - renewable energy roadmap

The focus during this theme will be on the implementation of existing policies and measures concerning RES at the local, national and EU level. Concrete instruments and legislation will be discussed in the context of the EU's "renewable energy roadmap": New initiatives such as a EU directive for renewables heating and cooling, innovative financing instruments, strengthening of existing legislation, R&D needs, renewables in the context of the Lisbon strategy, export opportunities and business cooperation.

• Looking forward: Outlook on the future

A future outlook will be presented. This is particularly important in view of the setting of ambitious targets leading up to 2020 and beyond, and showing ways on how to reach them within the renewables roadmap to be presented by the Commission in March 2007. As investments in the energy sector are always of long-term nature, a clear future outlook and forward looking policies are absolutely crucial. This theme is particularly timely considering the vicinity of the 2010 targets and the EU strategy for security of energy supply.

Sponsorship opportunities

Details on sponsorship packages are available on request from EREC (conference@erec-renewables.org) or via the events section of the EREC website: www.erec-renewables.org/events

Why attend ?



2007 European Renewable Energy Policy Conference

For decision makers and industry alike, it is the most effective 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

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