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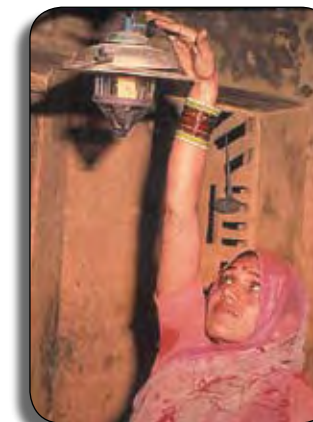
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INFORSE is a global network of independent NGOs that encourage the growth of sustainable energy solutions to reduce poverty and to protect the environment.

Since its founding at the Global Forum in Rio de Janeiro, in 1992, the network has grown to more than 160 members.



Vision and Aims

INFORSE is a network of non-governmental organisations that are active in the field of sustainable energy. We share a common vision in which energy services are sustainable and promote just and human-centred development. Our vision is based on renewable technologies, including solar, wind, biomass, biogas and micro-hydro.

We emphasise:

- Defending the environment and combating climate change;
- Phasing out nuclear and fossil energy consumption;
- Increasing reliance on local solutions;
- Ensuring equal access to energy across class, ethnic and gender lines;
- Improving income generation through renewable energy solutions, particularly by the poor; and
- Increasing energy efficiency.

To achieve these goals, we:

- Communicate experiences, know-how and visions of member organisations to the public and to decision makers;
- Increase NGO capacity by developing and providing educational tools;
- Promote the participation of civil society organisations in developing energy strategies and policies that affect them;
- Mobilise investment, research, development and transfer of renewable energy technologies;
- Influence national, and international decision making;
- Reform regulatory frameworks and market conditions;
- Integrate environmental, and social costs in pricing;
- Participate in the events of the UN and its parallel NGO Forums in order to influence global agendas. These include Conferences of the UN Climate Convention, Combating Desertification, and follow-up of the Rio Conference.

Structure

INFORSE is governed by a group of regional co-ordinators who facilitate cooperation among the network's members. The coordinators are elected by the members in their region.



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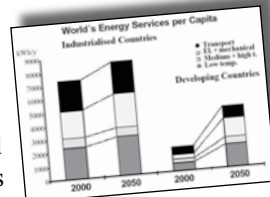
INFORSE has published this quarterly newsletter since 1992. Each issue focuses on specific issues and provides updates on sustainable energy initiatives from our contacts around the globe. Recent themes have included gender, poverty, education, financing, desertification and social change.

Online Database

The INFORSE database includes contact information for more than 900 NGOs, research and educational institutes, and decision makers whose work relates to sustainable energy. Database searches can be tailored to the user's needs, and contacts can be sorted according to membership, organisation name or country. The database is available on our website at www.inforse.org.

Vision 2050

INFORSE can support its members in preparing national and regional visions and strategies for transitions to sustainable energy systems until the year 2050. Based on current energy use for countries or regions, energy balances are developed decade-by-decade through to 2050.



Cooperative Projects

Members of the network cooperate on a range of projects. Recent initiatives have included developing mobile exhibitions, joint publications, study visits and campaigns. Several members have recently worked together to develop educational materials on sustainable energy issues for schools across Europe. In South Asia cooperation started on sustainable energy for poverty reduction.

DIERET: Distance Internet Education

DIERET is a high-school level course on renewable energy, which students complete via email correspondence. The course is available in English, Russian and Albanian and focuses on the activities of European NGOs that work on sustainable energy issues.



Membership and Subscription

Membership in INFORSE is open to independent, non-governmental and non-profit organizations that support the INFORSE Charter.

Membership is free of charge and support is welcome.

I would like further information about the membership of my organisation.

I would like to subscribe to Sustainable Energy News and receive 4 issues per year (25 EUR/year).

My organisation would like to be included in the INFORSE database. We will appear in the worldwide list of sustainable energy contacts and receive email notices about new issues of Sustainable Energy News and updates from INFORSE.

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