

Before the European Seminar, a South East European regional NGO seminar on climate and energy will be held to discuss sustainable energy and the coming South East European energy market.

This is the 12<sup>th</sup> time INFORSE-Europe has held a European seminar to bring together NGOs and other parties active in renewable energy, energy efficiency, and the development of sustainable energy paths.

INFORSE-Europe is a network of independent non-governmental organisations working for sustainable energy solutions.

INFORSE's common vision is to develop a world in which energy services needed for a just and human-centred development are provided in a sustainable way using renewable energy (e.g., solar, wind, biomass, biogas, micro-hydro).

*The Venue of the Seminar on the Solta Island*



## INFORSE-Europe's Main Activities:

### Sustainable Energy News:

A quarterly newsletter published since 1992.

### Contact List:

An online database currently containing some 800 contacts of NGOs as well as of research and educational institutes and decision-makers.

### DIERET, Distance Internet Education:

An online opportunity to study renewable energy via an e-mail course or as a self-study course in English, Russian, Slovakian, and Albanian at a high-school level.

### Seminars:

INFORSE-Europe has organised and held NGO seminars since 1992.

### Energy & Climate in Schools:

An INFORSE-Europe cooperative initiative to develop educational materials since 2004.

### Vision 2050 - 100% Renewables:

INFORSE assists its members in preparing national visions and strategies for transition to sustainable energy systems. Models have been developed for the EU, Denmark, Ukraine, Slovakia, Belarus, Poland, and Romania.

### Following EU Policy:

Updates are available in the Sustainable Energy News and on the INFORSE web site:  
<http://www.inforse.org/europe>.

**INFORSE was formed at the Global Forum in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1992.**  
**INFORSE-Europe has 73 members as (February, 2006)**



**European Sustainable Energy Seminar**

**September 3-8, 2006**

**Solar Academy Solta Island, Croatia**



**INFORSE-Europe and Green Action, Croatia are inviting NGOs and individuals interested in sustainable energy to a European seminar at the new "Solar Academy" that is under development on the Croatian island of Solta, September 3-8, 2006.**

A highlight of the seminar will be discussion of current policies on energy:

- the new EU energy policy, as well as EU policies on climate, renewable energy and energy efficiency;
- political developments across Europe, including the new South East European internal energy market, East-West cooperation, dialogues and partnerships;
- how the new policies support or hinder the development of sustainable energy;
- NGO activities to influence the policies and to use the resulting new opportunities.

The seminar will also feature discussions of sustainable energy strategies and the factors involved in transitions away from the unsustainable use of fossil fuels and nuclear power. INFORSE's visions for transition to 100% renewable energy by 2050 will be presented. Limits of use of renewable energy and of introduction of energy efficiency will be discussed as well as how we can build an integrated system that relies on a mix of renewable energy sources used in a sustainable way.

The third but not the least part of the seminar will be practical work with demonstration models displaying applications of renewable energy and energy efficiency for education and exhibitions. This will help to develop the "Solar Academy" with a range of practical educational tools. Models that NGOs have used successfully in different parts of Europe to harness solar energy for heat and electricity, use wind, make biogas, demonstrate energy efficiency, etc. will be constructed and tried. Time will also be provided to discuss successful integration of such models into broader frameworks, e.g., of education and of campaigns for sustainable energy.

The seminar will be organised to involve participants interactively in the presentations, discussions and workshops. Speakers with long experience in sustainable-energy developments in different parts of Europe will introduce the themes. Topics will address not only past achievements but also planning of future activities.

The event will provide excellent opportunities to meet people from all over Europe and to experience the environment of the unique Adriatic island of Solta.

Seminar updates as well as information about INFORSE and the Solar Academy are online at [www.inforse.org/europe/seminar06\\_solta.htm](http://www.inforse.org/europe/seminar06_solta.htm)

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**Participation fee:** 150 €, including all food and simple accommodation.

The organisers are working to provide funding for some NGOs from Central and Eastern Europe.

**Venue:** Solar Academy on the island of Solta, in the Adriatic sea near the Croatian town of Split.

How to get there: By ferry from Split. Ferry boats run about 6 times a day. To get to Split there is a fast train from Zagreb and there are flights to Split Airport from a number of European cities.

**Application:** Use the Registration Form on this leaflet or download the application form from <http://www.inforse.org/europe>.

## Registration Form

I would like to participate in the European Sustainable-Energy Seminar, September 3-8, Solta

I will pay the participation fee of 150 € by bank transfer (account details will be sent)

I will pay the participation fee of 150 € at the seminar

I can only participate if I receive support to cover the participation fee of 150 €

I can only participate if I receive support to cover travel costs of \_\_\_\_\_ (150 €)

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