

Objectives:

- Organise non-governmental organisations working for sustainable-energy solutions for advocacy work and joint activities for reduction of greenhouse gases and other pollutants to environmentally sustainable levels through energy efficiency and enhanced use of locally available renewable energy resources.
- Communicate the experiences, know-how, visions and findings of member organisations to the public and to European and international decision makers with the clear intention of influencing national and global energy development in a sustainable way.
- Involve members and other NGOs in activities for sustainable energy that have demonstrated success, such as environmental education programs focussed on sustainable energy.

Actions and means involved:

- work with formulation of EU policies for sustainable energy (renewable energy and energy efficiency) and provide inputs to the formulation processes based on inputs from members,
- work with implementation of EU policies for sustainable energy on European level, as well as national implementation of a number of EU policies, with special focus on implementation in five EU countries and in a neighbourhood policy country (Ukraine),
- follow use of structural funds in selected new member countries, and recommend improvement of programs to increase and improve their use for sustainable energy projects,
- work with Sustainable Energy Visions with scenarios for transitions of energy sectors including short-term plans - a way to implement the objectives of the new EU climate and energy policy,
- work with members on environmental education activities for schools,
- continue to develop training materials in sustainable energy and develop cross-border training tours,
- work with other INFORSE regions and with other NGOs on influencing the global energy & climate agenda, including NGO participation in the COP 15 in Copenhagen in Denmark,
- work with other NGOs on promotion of sustainable energy at the Pan-European level,
- improve the website and contact database (600 European organisational contacts),
- publish 4 issues of Sustainable Energy News (4*2,000 copies),
- organise 2 European seminars, 5 policy seminars in EU countries and an annual meeting.

Expected results and outputs:

- increased knowledge on EU policy formulation and implementation for sustainable energy among NGOs and national decision-makers,
- increased knowledge on NGO findings and proposals for EU policies for sustainable energy among European decision-makers,
- improved implementation of EU policies for sustainable energy and improved NGO involvement in the implementation,
- increased awareness among NGOs and decision-makers on sustainable energy solutions that benefit the environment,
- increased awareness and knowledge on sustainable energy solutions among school children,
- increased in-depth knowledge on sustainable energy by NGOs and others,
- better participation of NGOs in international, Pan-European processes on climate, energy, i.e. UNFCCC
- strengthened network of NGOs working for sustainable energy.

Some of the hands-on easy-to-check numbers:

- Web site: Continued increase of the popularity to 33,000 visitors/month. (25,000 in '08; 17,000 in '07.), Monthly/Bi-monthly updates on sections: Press Releases and Positions, EU Energy Policy Update, School Resources, and the Structural Funds database, Update of MySQL online contact database with 600 organisational entries in Europe, including 70 members from 34 countries, e-mail out of the database.
- 4 issues of Sustainable Energy News (12 pages) printed in 4*2000 copies and distributed 4*1000 copies by post and 4*1000 copies on events), and published on the web in pdf format,
- 7 Seminars, General Meeting, 2 Board Meetings, one international exhibition, e.g. Green Week,
- EU Parliamentarian and EC representative participation as speaker on the Seminar in Brussels (Mar-Apr),
- Course organised, and update of online educational material DIERET, (300+ pages, 450+ illustration),
- Representation on at least 6 international policy events/ EC Working Groups.

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