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INFORSE-Europe is a network of 72 non governmental organisations (NGOs) from 33 European countries working for sustainable energy on the political level and with practical solutions. More information: www.inforse.org/europe email: ove@inforse.org.

INFORSE-Europe carried out the following activities in 2007:

- Worked with formulation of EU policies for sustainable energy (renewable energy and energy efficiency) and, provided inputs to the formulation processes, mainly based on inputs from members. 12 press releases and inputs were made on new EU energy policy formulation, Emissions Trading, renewable energy targets, biofuels, Strategic Energy Technology Research Plan, and others.
- Worked 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 (Denmark, France, Poland, Slovakia, Romania), in an accession country (Turkey) and in a country covered by the European Energy Treaty (Macedonia). The activity included organising 6 workshops/seminars (See below).
- Reviewed the use of structural funds (SF) in 2007-13 in the new EU member countries (Hungary, Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia, Romania, Lithuania, Latvia, Bulgaria) and integrated the results in the SF project web-based overview that was made for 2004-06.
- Worked with sustainable energy visions for the long-term transitions of energy sectors to sustainable energy until 2050 (Latvia, Russia) and with short-term plans for increase use of sustainable energy as a way to implement the objectives of the new EU energy policy (Slovakia).
- Participated in the EU Ecodesign Consultation Forum, discussing regulation to limit consumption of energy using products: standby consumption, light, etc.
- Worked with other INFORSE regions and with other NGOs on influencing the global agenda, with NGO participation in the Commission for Sustainable Development (five NGO representatives from three world regions).
- Worked with other NGOs on promotion of sustainable energy at the Pan-European level, participating in the Pan-European Environmental Meeting in Belgrad.
- Representation on a number of international policy events, including Energy Charter Energy Efficiency Working Group, Le Mont Blanc Summit for the global cooperative sector
- Worked with members on environmental education activities for schools (Portugal, Romania, Russia and others) with the SPARE program that reaches out to 7000 schools in Russia and countries of the previous Soviet Union.
- Conducted a course of DIERET (Distance Internet Education in Sustainable Energy), and continued to develop the material (300+ pages, 450+ illustration).
- Improved the website and contact database (600 European organisational contacts). The website continued increase of the popularity to almost 17,000 visitors/month; compared to 7,400/month in 2006 in average.
- Published and distributed 4 issues of Sustainable Energy News (1,600-2,000 copies) as well as brochures on the network activities.
- Organised: Seminars and workshops as well as made the programs and the proceedings available on the website:
 - a one-day European Sustainable-Energy Policy Seminars in Brussels, March. The event was organised together with EUFORES and EREF. Leading NGOs, and 2 EU Parliamentarians and 3 EC representatives participated as speaker's.
 - a 5-day European Sustainable-Energy Policy Seminar on a Renewable Energy Island hosted by a Danish member in October.
 - 6 seminars on European energy policy in Romania (2), Macedonia, Poland, Slovakia, and Turkey in the period of November-December.
- Organised 2 Board Meetings, and a General Meeting.