

INFORSE-Europe carried out the following activities in 2009:

- **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 EU energy policy formulation and development, including Ecodesign, energy efficiency in buildings, energy efficiency labelling, sustainable use of biomass and others.
- **Worked with implementation of EU policies** for sustainable energy on European level, (Ecodesign, efficiency of buildings, and others), as well as national implementation of a number of EU policies (building directive, renewable energy directive etc.), with special focus on implementation in Bulgaria, Denmark, Slovakia, Romania and UK, and in Ukraine that is covered by an EU Neighbourhood Agreement.
- **Reviewed the use of structural funds** in Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia, Romania, and recommended improvement of programs to increase their use for sustainable energy projects.
- **Worked with Sustainable Energy Visions 2050** with scenarios for transitions of energy sectors and short-term plans for Belarus, Bulgaria, Denmark, Latvia, and Lithuania as well for the entire EU. The Danish vision was presented publicly and in the Parliament building.
- **Continued to develop training materials** in sustainable energy and organised two cross-border training tours in Denmark.
- **Worked with other INFORSE regions and with other NGOs** on influencing the global energy&climate agenda, including NGO participation in the COP 15 in Copenhagen. For COP15, we managed to support and organise participation of 7 European NGO representatives as well as 7 representatives from INFORSE regions in South Asia, Africa, and Latin America. We participated in the COP15 with an exhibition, a side-event, and participation in other side-events. At the parallel "Klimaforum09" we participated with exhibition, three events, and participation in several other events. At the Parallel "Bundmøde" we presented the sustainable energy vision.
- **Worked with NGOs in European Eco-Forum** on promotion of sustainable energy at the Pan-European level, participated in one conference and meeting of the European Energy Charter Energy Efficiency Working Group (PEEREA working group).
- **Organised 5 policy seminars/conferences** in Bulgaria, Denmark, Romania, Slovakia, and UK.
- **Organised two European seminars:**
 - a one-day European Sustainable-Energy Policy Seminars in Brussels, April. The event was organised together with EREF. NGOs, an EU Parliamentarians and [3] EC representatives participated as speaker's and there were 50 participants.
 - a 3-day European Sustainable-Energy Policy Seminar in Germany, hosted by "Artefact", Glücksburg/Flensburg in November
- **Organised an event at the European Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW)** on sustainable energy visions.

- **Organised 2 Board Meetings**
- **Participated in the EU Ecodesign Consultation Forum**, discussing regulation to limit consumption of energy using products: boilers, imaging equipment, and others
- **Participated in a EU Ecodesign expert meeting** on boilers and a stakeholder meeting on solid fuel combustion.
- **Worked with members on environmental education activities** for schools (Bulgaria, Romania, and others) with the SPARE educational environmental program that reaches out to 7000 schools in Russia and countries of the previous Soviet Union.
- **Updated and improved the sustainable energy education database**
- **Improved the website and contact database** (600 European organisational contacts). The website continued increase of the popularity to almost 25,000 visitors/month; compared to 17,000/month in 2007 in average.
- **Initiated a good practice database** with European successes in sustainable energy, online from the INFORSE-Europe website.
- **Published and distributed 4 and issues of Sustainable Energy News** (three time 2,000, once 3,000 copies).
- **Conducted a course of DIERET** (Distance Internet Education in Sustainable Energy), and continued to develop the material (300+ pages, 450+ illustration).
- **Participated in the inaugural meeting of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)** as observers and followed the development of the new organisations, including a meeting with the interim general secretary during COP15 in Copenhagen.
- **Started the Low Carbon Society Network** in cooperation with Climate Action Network France, Germanwatch, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, and CIRED (Centre for International Research on Environment and Development), France, made leaflet, poster, two newsletters, and a one-day seminar in connection with the INFORSE-Europe European seminar in Germany.
- **Finalised the Belarus - Baltic NGO cooperation** with exhibitions in Belarus on energy efficiency, renewable energy, and sustainable energy visions, as well as application for a new phase, which was granted in December.

INFORSE-Europe received the **European Solar Price** in Berlin, December 2009. The price was given acknowledging the 17 years of good work of the network.

INFORSE-Europe is a network of 80 non governmental organisations (NGOs) from 35 European countries working for sustainable energy on the political level and with practical solutions. More information: www.inforse.org/europe email: ove@inforse.org.