

# European Sustainable Energy Seminar 2008

Organized by INFORSE-Europe and EREF, Brussels (Final version)

**Date: April 8, 2008 - Time: 9.00 – 17.30**, including lunch and breaks

**Venue:** Rue Joseph II 166, 1000 Brussels (just beside the EU Charlemagne building, metro: Schuman)

**Participation fee:** 80 Eur. Free for members of INFORSE-Europe and EREF.

## 9.00 Registration

## 9.15 Opening by the Organizers

### 9.30 –11.00 The New European Energy Policy

A session on EU new energy policies after the EU Summit March 8-9, the effects for renewable energy and energy efficiency.

- MEP Britta Thomsen (Socialist)
- MEP Claude Turmes (Greens)
- Peter Vis, Cabinet member for Energy Commissioner Andrej Piebalgs
- Dörte Fouquet, EREF

*Chair: Pete West, INFORSE-Europe (SWEA, UK)*

11.00 Coffee

### 11.30-12.30 Upcoming Renewable Energy Directive

A session on the proposed renewable energy directive. The session will include an analysis of the necessary support for renewable energy to reach the 20% target and their costs; state of play for the proposal; and compliance questions for the directives and national targets.

- Peter Danielsson, EREF
- Karina Veum, EC DG TREN, Unit D1 (Regulatory Policy and Promotion of Renewable Energy)
- Pete West, INFORSE-Europe, SWEA, UK
- Stephan Gsänger, World Wind Energy Association

*Chair: Emil Bedi, INFORSE-Europe (FAE, Slovakia)*

12.30 Lunch

### 13.30 Renewable Energy for Transport vs. Sustainable Transportation in the EU

A session on ways to achieve a sustainable transport system in Europe, the contribution of renewable energy, and the roles of EU energy package and transport policies

- Sergio Oceransky, INFORSE-Europe's vision for transport
- Kerstin Meyer, European Federation for Transport & Environment
- Alexandra Langenheld, EC DG TREN, Unit D1 (Regulatory Policy and Promotion of Renewable Energy)

*Chair: Paul Allen, INFORSE-Europe*

### 14.30 EU Strategic Energy Technology Plan and Sustainability

A session on the role and progress of the SET-plan and how it could become a contribution to sustainable development.

- Greg Arrowsmith, EUREC
- Gunnar Boye Olesen, INFORSE-Europe
- Bruno Schmitz, head of unit, EC DG Research, Unit New and Renewable Energy Sources

*Chair: Peter Danielsson, EREF*

15.30 Coffee

### 16.00 EU Guideline on Environmental State Aid

The EU guideline on environmental state aid is undergoing a revision. What will the new Guideline bring?

- Dörte Fouquet, EREF
- Aleksandra Kronberga, DG TREN, Unit A4, Competition.

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### 16.40 Balancing the Energy Governance Process - Citizens Utility Boards

- Christelle Braun, Helio International.

### 16.50 Sustainable Energy Visions and Zero Carbon Scenarios

Short session presenting of INFORSE-Europe and others working on sustainable energy visions and strategies for Europe and individual countries including the UK.

- Gunnar Boye Olesen, INFORSE-Europe
- Paul Allen, Centre for Alternative Technology (CAT) Wales/ZeroCarbonBritain

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