

1. Pre-Conference Information

PROGRAMME

KEY-NOTE SPEECHES

- Opening Speech by Commission Vice-President **Ms. L. De PALACIO**, responsible for Energy and Transport, European Commission.
Commission Energy and Transport Policy Priorities
- Keynote speaker : **Mr. R. LINKOHR** Member of European, Chairman of European Energy Foundation.
- Keynote speaker : **Mr. G. HANREICH**, Director of New Energies and Demand Management, Directorate D, DG Energy and Transport.
Integration of RES and RUE Policies at European level.
- Keynote speaker : **Mr. E. THIELMANN**, Head of Unit for policy on TEN, Technological Development and Information Dissemination, Unit B2, DG Energy and Transport.
“Role of energy management agencies in valorisation and diffusion of technology related results from energy and transport programmes”.

PARALLEL WORKSHOPS

1. RES and RUE in buildings
 - **Mr. G. MOLINA**, Head of Unit for Demand Management.
2. RES at local level
 - **Mr. K. KELLNER**, Head of Unit for New and Renewable Energies.
3. Energy efficiency in transport
 - **Mr. J-A. VINOIS**, Head of Unit for Transport and interoperability of rail traffic.
4. Combined Heat and Power (CHP)
 - **Mr. L. WERRING**, Head of Unit for Promotion of RES and RUE.
5. CIVITAS Initiative
 - **Mr. K. LEYDON**, Head of Unit for Clean Urban Transport.
6. Role of agencies within the successor programme(s) for SAVE and ALTENER
 - **Mr. G. HANREICH**, Director for New Energies and Demand Management, Directorate D. DG TREN.

PANEL DISCUSSION

Topic: *What Future Ways of Co-operation between European Energy Management Agencies : commitment to common goals*

PARTICIPANTS:

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

- **Mr. Gordon ADAM**, Member of the European Parliament and Chairman of the Northern Energy Initiative in UK.
- **Mr. Anders WIJKMAN**, Member of the European Parliament and rapporteur for Energy Efficiency Action Plan in the European Parliament.

EUROPEAN UNION PRESIDENCY

- **Mr. Jose DARAS**, Minister of Energy, Transport and Mobility for the Wallon Government in Belgium, representing Minister Olivier DELEUSE, Chairman of Energy Council.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

- **Mr. François LAMOUREUX** (Panel Moderator), Director General for Energy and Transport, European Commission.
- **Mr. Günther HANREICH**, Director for New Energies & Energy Management, European Commission.

REPRESENTATIVES OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

- **Mr. András SZALOKI**, Director in the Hungarian Energy Centre, Hungary.

REPRESENTATIVES OF EUROPEAN ENERGY AGENCIES

- **Mr. Dimosthenis AGORIS**, President of Greek National Energy Agency (CREG) and President of EnR in 2001.
- **Mr. Gerhard DELL**, Director of O.Ö.Energiesparverband, Regional Energy Agency of Upper Austria and Energy Commissioner to the Upper Austrian Government.
- **Mr. Gerry WARDELL**, Director of Dublin Energy Management Agency and Porte-Parole for national Associations of SAVE Energy Management Agencies.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Background

Given the challenges to energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy due to liberalised energy markets, increasing concern about security of energy supply, climate change and the EU enlargement process, just to mention some, new efforts and innovative solutions are needed. The Green Paper on Security of Energy Supply sets forth the framework of a long-term energy strategy. Demand policy needs to be put at the centre of our action: there is a need of a real change in consumer behaviour. With regard to supply, priority must be put on the development and use of new and renewable energies.

Technological, regulatory and non-regulatory innovation can help to reinforce the impact of our energy strategy and to achieve our targets. However, market barriers exist that prevent the satisfactory diffusion and take-up of new and existing solutions to increased energy efficiency and use of renewable energy sources. Today, very often solutions are available in pilot actions, agencies, studies and even in small scale programmes in given sectors and geographical areas. A reinforced dissemination and replication of the available solutions to our energy problems is needed.

The role of local and regional actors is decisive in this context. This is why the Commission continues awarding start-up funding for the creation of local and regional energy management agencies under the SAVE programme. Their main objective is to improve energy efficiency, to make the most of local energy resources – new or conventional - and to seek optimum energy-supply conditions for regions and urban areas. This involves particularly supporting the ability of local decision-makers to take appropriate decisions and to interact directly with consumers in order to alleviate barriers to energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy. Today, in addition to already existing energy management agencies, there are some 250 local and regional SAVE energy management agencies in the EU and a few in the EEA and in the Central and Eastern European countries (CEEC). Given the existence of the critical mass of energy management agencies in the EU, the focus of the Commission is now on reinforcing the existing local and regional energy management agencies and on the creation of new agencies in the CEECs. Additionally, a few new agencies will be created in specific areas in the EU.

Conference of Local and Regional Energy Management Agencies

In order to initiate collaborative efforts, the Commission is inviting *all European local, regional and national energy management agencies* to a first joint annual European Conference. The conference will take place in the Commission Conference Centre, Rue Froissart 36, Brussels.

The objective of the conference is to launch future co-operation among all the interested energy management agencies for the promotion of energy efficiency and use of renewable energy sources at local and regional level. This will include the discussion on the role of the energy management agencies within the successor programme(s) for the SAVE and ALTENER programmes and on the type of the support the agencies would need in form of transfer of expertise. The discussion will also help to shape the content of the planned thematic activities during the coming years (see below). Furthermore, the Conference will facilitate the dialogue between the energy management agencies and the decision-makers. The aim is to identify the ways of work and co-operation in the support of Union policies on energy efficiency and renewable energies at local and regional level.

The Conference is structured as follows:

1. Communication of latest European Union energy and transport policy priorities to European energy management agencies, including policy messages from the DG TREN *Barcelona Summit* (morning session). Keynote speakers will be able to focus on locally relevant energy policy priorities as addressed, e.g., in the Green Paper on Security of Energy Supply, Directives on Green Electricity and on Energy Performance of Buildings and in the Action Plan on Energy Efficiency.

2. Feed-back from agencies on successful activities, i.e. good practice, in order to address the challenges on energy efficiency and use of renewable energy sources (workshops). The workshops will aim at supporting the dissemination and replication of successful project outcomes in order to contribute to the discussion of the potential role of the agencies in the DG TREN future energy policy implementation. They will also pave the way for thematic seminars in order to further develop the existing outcomes and to identify potential solutions (good practice) worth replicating elsewhere in Europe. Also, the workshops will contribute to the visibility of the added-value of the European energy management agencies in responding to the energy policy challenges at local and regional level.

The conference workshops will deal with the development of the successor programme for SAVE and ALTENER, energy efficiency in transport, combined heat and power, use of renewable energy at local level, energy efficiency and renewables in buildings and the CIVITAS initiative.

3. Discussion and commitment on future strategy and ways of co-operation between the energy management agencies and the kind of support they might need in order to reinforce the implementation of Community energy policies at local and regional level (panel). Furthermore, the conference participants will be able to focus on the future role of the European local and regional energy management agencies in the successor programme(s) for SAVE and ALTNER.

In order to allow as broad a participation as possible, a live audio and video web-cast with interactive participation is planned. Additionally, the event may be broadcasted via European Broadcasting Satellite system for those with satellite receivers.

Further information will be provided in August on: http://europa.eu.int/comm/dgs/energy_transport/index_fr.html

Follow-up action

It is proposed that the first annual Conference on European energy management agencies will be followed by similar annual events in order to allow discussion on recent policy and market changes, stock-taking of achievements and decisions on future action. These annual conferences of all European energy management agencies would replace the past annual conferences of local and regional SAVE energy management agencies.

Additionally to the general annual events, the Conference aims at initiating a series of smaller thematic and more technically oriented seminars for transfer of expertise (good practice). The seminars will involve local and regional energy management agencies (SAVE and non-SAVE) in the EU, EEA and in the CEECs and will facilitate the transfer of expertise within certain thematic fields from 'agencies of excellence' to those energy

management agencies that need or can use the information. When beneficial for the mandate of local and regional energy agencies, good practice will be derived from other appropriate sources as well (particularly from pilot actions and studies but also from networks, industry, associations, municipalities etc) and be disseminated to other actors also, such as local and regional decision-makers in areas, where no local or regional energy management agencies exist.

The seminars will aim to analyse the underlying conditions for success in the cases at hand and assess the potential for replication elsewhere in Europe, including Candidate Countries for accession to the EU. On the basis of the analysis, the seminars will seek to identify market needs and target groups for dissemination. This process will be facilitated and supported by the use of Internet based communication tools including a web site, database on good practice and discussion groups. In order to assist the Commission services, an invitation to tender, no. TREN/D3/10-2001, has been published in the Official Journal of the Communities on 19 June 2001 (S115) in a call for support services.

The annual events will help to reinforce the link between the European Union energy policy priorities and the implementation of the policies at local and regional level through improved dialogue between actors at different levels. The thematic seminars will contribute to a more efficient use of limited programme resources through replication and the further use of good practice from various energy and transport actors. Together the events are designed to contribute to a more accurate and efficient response to ever quicker changing market challenges and policies.

The local and regional energy management agencies with their dissemination potential are at the centre of these activities. They play a crucial role in implementing and developing sustainable energy policies close to energy consumers and decision-makers, whose decisions and behaviour will be decisive for the security and well-being of future generations.

