

Dear members, dear friends,

Please find below the fourth edition of the AER Energy newsletter. With the summer holidays coming to an end it is time to prepare us for a new round of activities and interesting conferences in the field of Energy. Especially a lot of conferences have been announced during August, that is why we encourage you to refer to the 'conferences on Energy' section of this newsletter to see if one is of interest to you, or if you would like to represent the AER at one of them.

Furthermore, we have been working on a draft answer to the Green Paper on Energy 'A European strategy for sustainable, competitive and secure energy'. Which will be sent to all AER Committee C members as soon as possible for adoption.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you once again that the Partnership Pool on Energy is now on our web site; make us of our database and search for partners and/or present your project! All in all, we hope to provide you with a lot of interesting material on Energy.

We wish you a good reading!

Best regards,

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If you wish to publish any relevant information from your Region on energy, do not hesitate to contact us. Take advantage of our large database! We will integrate it in our Newsletter and inform our members accordingly.

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AER NEWS ON ENERGY

1. AER draft response to the public consultation of the EC Green Paper on Energy

As you may know, the European Commission has opened a public consultation for the Green Paper on Energy 'A European strategy for sustainable, competitive and secure energy'.

The AER has worked on a position paper based on this Green Paper and will submit this before the closing date of the public consultation September 24th. The draft version of the AERs' position paper will be sent to all AER Committee C members asking for your agreement and adoption. The AER answer to the Green Paper on Energy will be officially adopted during Committee C's plenary meeting on October 2nd in Strasbourg (F).

2. AER working group on energy will meet on October 3rd, in Strasbourg (F)

As you may already know, the AER Committee C will hold its plenary meeting on October 2nd in Strasbourg (F). The day after, on October 3rd, a meeting of the working group on Energy is planned from 9:00-11:00 in the AER office in Strasbourg. Please find the draft agenda for this meeting attached to this newsletter. If you would like to attend the meeting of the working group on Energy, or have a matter that you would like to add to the agenda please contact the AER Committee C secretariat at e.delangle@a-e-r.org. Please note that there is limited seating at this meeting and that the discussions will take place in English only.

3. The AER is included in ESPACE database and to the ESPACE extended partner exchange

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, the AER has subscribed to the ESPACE extended partner exchange, an ambitious four-year European project that aims to promote awareness of the importance of adapting to climate change and to recommend that it is incorporated within spatial planning mechanisms at local, regional, national and European levels.

Furthermore, the ESPACE project just finished setting up the ESPACE 'Extended Partner Exchange'. This is an on-line database that gives Extended Partners the opportunity to share information with ESPACE Partners and other Extended Partners on their own projects and/or areas of expertise in relation to adaptation to climate change. The AER is now officially integrated in this database.

You can only access the extended partnership and the database once you are a member.

If you would like to join the ESPACE partnership, to present your project and/or expertise or want to stay informed of the outputs of the ESPACE project and upcoming workshops, please go to:

<http://www.espace-project.org/extended.htm>

4. The AER Partnership Pool is on-line!

As already officially announced in the last newsletter, the AER Partnership Pool is on-line at <http://www.a-e-r.org>. We very much encourage all of our members to make use of this database of regional projects that we offer you; it is after all a unique way to promote your Regions' activities and to search for partners.

The 2006 call for proposals under the Intelligent Energy Europe programme will be open until the 31st of October, so take your advantage and browse through the partnership pool where already three regions announce that they are looking for partners!

For any information on the partnership pool or an instruction guide, please contact the AER Committee C secretariat at j.schut@a-e-r.org

5. The AER is looking for a delegate to go to the fifth anniversary of the European Institute for Energy Research: Conference on Energy

The AER has received an invitation to the fifth anniversary of the European Institute for Energy Research (EifER) that will take place on September 28th, 2006 at the university of Karlsruhe (DE).

Due to other obligations, the AER secretariat will not be able to attend this meeting. For this reason, we would like to know if a Committee C member, or a member of our working group on energy would be interested in representing the AER at this meeting and write a short report about it.

More information about the programme and the meeting are available upon request. Please contact the AER Committee C secretariat at j.schut@a-e-r.org.

UP-DATE ON INTELLIGENT ENERGY EUROPE PROGRAMME

1. Future Intelligent Energy – Europe projects

More than 80 new IEE projects are currently in the preparation phase and are about to start later this year or in early 2007. First outlines of these projects “in the pipeline” have now become available for each theme of the IEE programme. They can be downloaded from http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/projects/index_en.htm.

If you are developing a proposal under this year’s call for proposals please study these documents carefully. They help you avoid duplicating IEE projects that are likely to start in the near future!

Please allow us to remind you that the deadline for submitting projects under the next call is October 31st, make use of our aforementioned Partnership Pool to search for partners!

EU NEWS ON ENERGY – RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

1. Public consultation "Promotion of Heating and Cooling from Renewable Energies"

The purpose of this public consultation is to contribute to the Commission’s Impact Assessment by providing a range of opinions and new and innovative ideas regarding the implementation and the impacts of different types of policies and measures that could be considered to promote heating and cooling from renewable energy sources. This information will be taken into account in the further preparatory work on this dossier. Contributions can be sent until 6 October 2006 at the latest.

For the online questionnaire, please refer to the link:

http://ec.europa.eu/energy/res/consultation/heating_cooling_en.htm

INTERESTING PROJECTS /CONFERENCES

1. Public hearing on the Strategic EU Energy Review

Following the open debate on the Green Paper that was launched in March 2006, you can express your views directly on the content of the Strategic EU Energy Review that is to be adopted by the Commission on January 10th, 2007. To this end, a public hearing is organised in Brussels on Friday 22 September 2006, starting at 9:30. Since the AER secretariat is not able to send a delegate to this hearing, we kindly ask you to contact us if your region has registered a delegate to attend the hearing so that we can get some feedback on the meeting from an AER member.

To read more about the public hearing, the programme and online registration, please visit:

http://ec.europa.eu/energy/green-paper-energy/index_en.htm

2. Seminar on Energy, Transport and Environmental European Projects

Seminar on Energy, Transport and Environmental European Projects – Getting Ready for the 2007-2013 EU Financing Opportunities, which will be held in Brussels, on 21 September 2006.

Experts from the European Commission, prominent consultants and representatives of companies that succeeded in their applications will be available to answer to your questions and to share with you their practical experiences gained during years of working in the relevant fields. The registration deadline is September 14th.

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3. International Symposium "Decentralised Energy Systems - Integrating Renewable Energy Technologies in Tomorrow’s Energy Systems"

ForWind, the Center for Wind Energy Research of the Universities of Oldenburg and Hannover is hosting the international Symposium "Decentralised Energy Systems - Integrating Renewable Energy Technologies in Tomorrow’s Energy Systems" in Oldenburg (Oldb), Germany, on 15th and 16th February, 2007. Additionally optional field trips are offered on 17th February. The conference language will be English. The programme will soon be available, this will be announced in the AER energy newsletter as well.

The symposium will provide an overview about technologies and their specified conceptual and technological integration within decentralised energy-supply systems of the future. The speakers will present current research projects and results as well as examples for best practice applications.

The preliminary social program offers a guided city tour on foot (in English) in the evening of

Wednesday, 14th February, and the conference dinner on Thursday evening, 15th February 2007.

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4. World Sustainable Energy Days 2007: Call for papers

The World Sustainable Energy Days 2007 will be held on the 1st of March 2007 in Wels.

For more information on the conference and to register, please visit:

<http://www.esv.or.at/esv/index.php?id=228&L=1>

In addition, the 'call for papers' is launched and invites you to submit your written conference contribution before 18 October 2006. A paper is a written conference contribution (usually a short article) which is presented either as a speech or as a poster, which you submit to the "Call for Papers". All accepted and presented papers will be published in the conference proceedings.

The organisation invites you to submit papers on any of the following subjects:

- energy efficiency in buildings, transport & industry
- renewable energy sources
- pellets
- 'Energy future 2030'

For more information, please go to: <http://www.esv.or.at/esv/index.php?id=1657&L=1#2537>

5. 'Towards an EU external Energy policy to assure a high level of supply security' – Debate in the framework of the Green book: A European strategy for sustainable, competitive and secure energy-

The objective of this Conference is to bring together the key players in the field of energy to discuss the ways in which Europe can most effectively address the issue of energy security. The Conference will focus on the external aspects of European policies on energy matters and will concentrate mainly on oil and natural gas security supplies' issues. Panellists and participants to this Conference will include Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Energy, industry representatives, international organisations, the academic world and civil society. It should be noted that, for security reasons, participation in this Conference will be strictly by invitation only, so if you are interested in attending the seminar, please check with your region if an invitation has been received or contact the AER secretariat in case you would like to represent the AER at this event. For more information, please go to : http://ec.europa.eu/comm/external_relations/energy/energy_conference_2006/index.htm

PUBLICATIONS & RESEARCH PROJECTS ON ENERGY

1.ABS Energy Research company

ABS is an independent energy market research company founded in 1990. They are specialised in energy market research reports, analysis, databases, forecasts and energy market consulting. Their global energy market research reports cover the electricity, water and waste, gas and renewable energy markets. They follow the energy markets very closely and we produce a wide range of energy market research reports, databases and directories.

On their web site you can download their research reports in several fields. One of particular interest may be the 2006 Wind Power report which details an eventful year in this sector of the renewable energy industry.

For more information and the research reports, please go to : <http://www.absenergyresearch.com/energy-market-research-reports>

2. Research publications from the Centre for Sustainable Energy (UK)

Under the link below you can find all research publications from the Centre for Sustainable Energy in the UK. They have carried out interesting studies to promote sustainable energy policy and practice.

One study that can be of particular interest is a report entitled : Social Tariffs: A Solution to Fuel Poverty? Published in April 2006. It is both available as a policy maker summary and as a full report.

For more information, please visit the link to all research publications of the CSE : <http://www.cse.org.uk/cgi-bin/publications.cgi?publications#RESEARCHPUBLICATIONS>

3. Energy4Cohesion Project launch

The Energy4Cohesion (E4C) project was launched in January 2006. This project is co-financed under the Intelligent Energy Europe- programme. The project coordinator is WIP- Renewable Energies, the consortium of 12 partner organisations from 10 EU countries including EREC. Energy4Cohesion will prepare a knowledge basis for the implementation of Renewable Energy (RE) actions in less developed rural regions of Europe. The project will demonstrate best practices in eight selected target regions by the design of comprehensive Master Plans.

Further information can be found on the project web site: <http://www.e4c.org>