

Dear members, dear friends,

Please find below the third edition of the AER Energy newsletter. Even though the summer holidays are right around the corner, we have a lot of interesting information on Energy to provide you with!

Within the AER Committee C, we have been working hard to develop the partnership pool as a great research tool for you to use, in particular with regards to the 2006 call for proposals under the Intelligent Energy Europe programme. The database can serve as an interesting tool for you to look for partners and present your projects in the field of energy.

Not only the AER has worked on the energy issue a lot this summer, but other organisations have announced interesting conferences on this issue as well. Please refer to the 'conferences on energy' section of this newsletter to see if there is one of interest to you, or if you would like to represent the AER in one of these conferences.

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. The AER Partnership Pool is on-line!

As already officially announced to all AER members on July 24th, the AER Partnership Pool is now on-line.

We very much encourage all of our members to make use of this pool of regional projects that we offer you; it is after all a unique way to promote your Regions' activities and to look 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!

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 subscribed to the ESPACE Extended Partnership

ESPACE (European Spatial Planning: Adapting to Climate Events) is 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.

The AER has subscribed to be a recipient of important information and outputs of the ESPACE project. 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. We are in the process of adding the AER's activities to this database.

Our new colleagues at the ESPACE project kindly invite all AER members to join the Extended Partnership and present their project and/or expertise, and would like to know whether they could send information about their results when they are delivered.

If you are interested in learning more about the ESPACE project or if you would like to apply for the Extended Partnership, please go to their web site: <http://www.espace-project.org>. Or read their Extended Partnership newsletter from June 2006 under: <http://www.espace-project.org/EP%20bulletinJune06v1.htm>

4. 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.

UPDATE ABOUT INTELLIGENT ENERGY EUROPE PROGRAMME (IEE)

1. IEE Programme will continue under the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme (CIP)

As you may already know, the Intelligent Energy – Europe Programme 2007-2013 (IEE-II) will continue as part of the new Framework Programme for Competitiveness and Innovation (CIP). While awaiting the formal adoption of the CIP by the European Council, preparation of the work programme for IEE-II has already begun. To help it develop this new work programme, the European Commission services seek your feedback and views. Your contribution is important and can be made via the online questionnaire provided on: http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/iee2/index_en.htm

2. Guides for the IEE- 2006 call for proposals now available on-line

Application forms and guides for applicants, as well as other call documents, are now available on the Intelligent Energy - Europe (IEE) Calls webpage under : http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/call_for_proposals/call_library_en.htm

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

EU NEWS ON ENERGY – RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

1. Proposed directive of the European Parliament and of the Council: Promotion of clean road transport vehicles

The objective of this proposal is to reduce pollutant emissions by the transport sector and contribute to the establishment of a market for clean vehicles. This is particularly relevant for agglomerations and zones in difficulties to meet the requirements of the Air Quality Directive.

Public bodies will be obliged to allocate a minimum quota of 25% of their annual procurement (purchasing or leasing) of heavy duty vehicles to 'enhanced environmentally friendly vehicles' as defined in the European Performance Standard (EEV).

A first reading session by the European Parliament on this directive is scheduled for September 25th 2006.

For more information, please consult the procedure file of the European Parliament under:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/file.jsp?id=5303052>

2. EU adopts new guidelines on cross-border energy transmission

On July 24th, the Council had adopted new guidelines on cross-border energy transmission for the EU 25.

286 projects were selected to improve gas and electricity interconnections within the EU and with neighbouring countries. The guidelines are aimed at increasing interconnections between EU member states as part of ongoing efforts to put together a European energy policy. Regional markets for gas and electricity are in the process of being established as a first step towards a truly integrated EU market.

INTERESTING CONFERENCES / SEMINARS

1. Follow-up of 'Power through energy' conference; the EU and international relations on energy

One day before the G-8 meeting on Global Energy Security, leading scholars and practitioners discussed the exact same question in Brussels at the "Power through Energy" conference.

The presentations that were held during this conference are now on the web site:

<http://www.powerthroughenergy.eu/index.html>

2. 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>

3. 2nd Annual European Energy Policy Conference 2006

On 16-17 of October, the second European Energy Policy Conference will take place in Brussels.

This conference is part of a 5 year commitment to the development of debate and critical discussion on the issues surrounding the energy industry, energy policy, sustainability and external relations.

For more information and a registration form, please go to :

<http://www.epsilonevents.com/pdf/2ndEEPC2006Large.pdf>

4. Symposium on decentralised energy technology in Oldenburg (DE)

ForWind, the center for wind energy research in Oldenburg - Germany, is planning a high-grade symposium on the topic "Decentralised Energy Systems : Integrating Renewable Energy Technologies in Tomorrows Energy Systems". This symposium will provide an overview about technologies and their specified conceptual and technological integration within decentralised energy-supply systems of the future. The date for the symposium will presumably be from the 29th of November to the first of December 2006. However, these dates are subject to change. Depending on the availability of important speakers the event is likely to be rescheduled to the beginning of 2007.

More information on the symposium will be available soon.

5. Dinner debate, Energy4Cohesion project

A dinner debate will be organised in Brussels on October 10th 2006 in the frame of the Energy4Cohesion project. The dinner debate will focus on Renewable Energy Sources and decentralised energy actions within Structural Funds. Information about the debate can be found on the web site of EREC- the European Renewable Energy Council : <http://www.erec-renewables.org/events/default.htm#upcoming>. Expressions of interest can be sent to braun@erec-renewables.org

6. FEDARENE: Seminar on Energy efficiency in public lighting

On September 21st, 2006 FEDARENE is organising a seminar on public lighting. This seminar aims at developing the thoughts on public lighting in the framework of sustainable development. Presentations will focus on problems as energy efficiency solutions that allow to reduce the energy consumption, to reduce the energy bill and to fight against climate change. The seminar will take place in 'Maison de l'Europe' in Paris (F).

For more information, please go to : <http://www.fedarene.org>

PUBLICATIONS & RESEARCH PROJECTS ON ENERGY

1. The LETIT (Local New Energy Technology Implementation) project

The LETIT (Local New Energy Technology Implementation) project is working alongside local authorities and the private sector to develop both the framework and tools to:

- Identify the sustainable energy potential of the numerous local assets under their control;
- Assess the costs and benefits of the energy technology options that can be applied to their assets;
- Identify and examine the risks for all parties in implementing technologies through public-private partnerships;
- Integrate energy into local development planning.

A final stakeholders workshop was held in Brussels on April 27th, under the title 'Empowering local authorities to develop public assets for sustainable energy'. The presentations given during the workshop are now available on-line, as well as more information on the project itself.

For more information, please go to : <http://letit.energyprojects.net>

2. European Environment Agency (EEA) : Energy and environment in the European Union - Tracking progress towards integration

Energy gives personal comfort and mobility to people. However, it also places considerable pressures on the environment, such as emissions of greenhouse gases and air pollutants. EU policy thus aims at integrating environmental requirements within the energy sector. This report measures the progress towards such integration between 1990 and 2003.

For the full report , please go to : http://reports.eea.europa.eu/eea_report_2006_8/en