

EUROPEAN CONFERENCE
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'INTELLIGENT POLICY OPTIONS'



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- EREC (European Renewable Energy Council) and its member associations*
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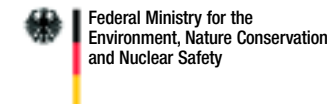
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PREPARING THE FUTURE



Europe is at the forefront of renewable energy development world-wide and has significant experience in the formulation of proactive policy measures in this area. Renewable energy sources make a major contribution to sustainable development and - through using locally available resources - to security of energy supply. They present answers to many economic and environmental problems: they secure jobs and income; they avoid environmental damage and therefore provide a valid means to fight against climate change. From the market point of view, the European renewable energy industry has a lead position in the world and is one of Europe's fastest growing sectors with a current annual turnover of more than 10 billion €.

The Community and its Member States have laid down clear objectives for renewable energy in 2010 - a share of 12% of renewable energy in gross inland energy consumption, a share of 22% for green electricity and a share of 5.75% for biofuels. Legislation has been adopted in order to reach these objectives. Further, adding force to the international commitment, the European Union is at the heart of the Johannesburg Renewable Energy Coalition (JREC), grouping industrialised and developing countries determined to work together on the basis of clear, ambitious and time bound targets to substantially increase the global share of renewable energy sources.

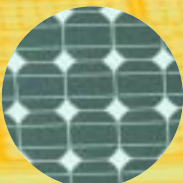
Building on previous efforts and achievements, and in order to realise the mid-term targets, further analysis and concerted effort is required for a sound long-term development of renewable energy sources covering political, legislative,

administrative, social, cultural, economic and marketing aspects. This was reiterated during the recent international High-Level Conference of the JREC hosted by the European Commission in Brussels in June 2003 (more information under: <http://forum.europa.eu.int/Public/irc/env/ctf/home>).

OUR AIMS IN BERLIN

THE EUROPEAN CONFERENCE FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY 'INTELLIGENT POLICY OPTIONS' pursues a two-fold objective: Firstly, it will analyse the developments made to date presenting market evolution and sectoral progress whilst offering a showcase for lighthouse initiatives from the European Union's Campaign for Take-Off for Renewable Energies (2000-2003). Secondly, it will provide a discussion forum for market prospects, reinforced policies and new renewable energy targets towards a time horizon of 2020. The debate will conclude in concrete targets and proposals for initiatives aimed at increasing the uptake of renewable energies in an enlarged Union.

Working towards the **WORLD RENEWABLE ENERGY CONFERENCE IN JUNE 2004 IN BONN**, the conference will tackle renewable energy strategies for Europe in a larger sense encompassing the Union, its Accession and Candidate Countries, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Switzerland and the Western Balkans, and is part of the JREC roadmap of regional initiatives. The conclusions of the debate will be delivered, together with those from regional conferences in Africa, Asia and Latin America, to the Bonn Conference.



PROGRAMME ELEMENTS

- Renewable energy development and policy frameworks up to 2003 in the Union and other European countries
- Assessment of initiatives taken at European level, from National Governments, regions, cities, islands and municipalities, showcasing of best-practice examples
- Market trends and technology development of renewable energy sources and projections up to 2020
- Targets for 2020 within the European Union and in other Johannesburg Renewable Energy Coalition (JREC) countries

PARTICIPANTS

Representatives of national governments, international organisations, networks and associations, experts and decision makers from the energy industry, non-governmental organisations, consultants, project developers, universities and other research institutions, financing institutions as well as local, regional, national and international administrations

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- State of the art summaries and overviews of renewable energy market and policy developments up to 2003
- Identification of successful renewable energy policies
- Measures for strengthening the renewable energy industry
- Strategies for increasing renewable energy up-take in an enlarged Europe
- Renewable energy targets for 2020
- Europe's input to World Renewable Energy Conference in Bonn

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