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European Renewable Energies Federation

**PRESS RELEASE**

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## **EREF welcomes the adoption of the report on the EU Energy Strategy by the European Parliament's Energy Committee**

EREF highly welcomes the approval of the report on the EU Energy Strategy by the Energy Committee (ITRE) of the European Parliament which emphasises the necessity for setting obligatory and sectoral targets for the use of renewable energy sources in future European energy policy.

The EREF President Peter Danielsson said that the "explicit call for a binding target of 25% of renewables by 2020 and a 50% share of renewables by 2040 in the overall energy production is a strong signal for further investment in the sector. It is an important step in the right direction to secure a save and sustainable energy supply for future generations".

According to Mr. Danielsson it is now up to the European Commission to take the position of the European Parliament on board and not to fall behind the goals set out in this report when adopting its energy package especially the Roadmap for Renewable Energies and the design of a Directive on the Promotion of Heating and Cooling.

EREF underlines that nuclear is not an option for long-term sustainable energy production due to its inherent risks, high costs, the unsolved issue of radioactive waste disposal and, after all, the limited uranium resources.

EREF President says: "Two wrongs don't make a right. Coal is not clean and Nuclear by far the most unsustainable, dangerous and expensive technology. Future energy in Europe and worldwide has to be based on energy efficiency and renewable energies. Renewable energy industry has proven fast delivery."

EREF is preoccupied with rumours from within the European Commission, especially DG Environment and DG Industry, to weaken the European renewable energy policy. It would be unfortunate if the Commission would go away from strong targets for different sectors like electricity, transport and heating, and only go for a global, non binding target. This would mean investment by the RES industry would turn away from Europe.

EREF strongly hopes that also the Council will show strong leadership in this direction.

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