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EREF sees discussion floor opened by EU Commission's publication of energy package

EREF hopes and works towards intensive discussion with all EU institutions and the German current EU presidency on the published Energy Package of the European Commission.

EREF President Peter Danielsson: "It is good, that a set of documents embracing the whole energy sector has been published at a crucial time for energy policy in Europe. We hope the Commission is heading for open and courageous discussions also with the Renewable industry and especially the independent power producers on the future of a sustainable energy efficient and primarily renewable energy using Europe."

EREF is certainly disappointed in the dominance on so-called clean coal and nuclear technologies. Peter Danielsson "We constantly try to convince the European Commission to come to terms with a changed world in energy in Europe and to realise that no more money has to be spent in costly and extremely risky fossil and nuclear technologies but all has to be submitted under the priority of a fast growing renewable energy society in Europe with strict energy efficiency rules." Renewable industry has delivered proof for success and capability. This is still not really apprehended by the majority of the European Commission.

EREF will work with the Institutions and try to ensure that Member States will have to increase and fulfil sectoral targets for all Renewable Energies and to create respectively maintain secure investment conditions for renewable industries. "The move towards a global target away from a sectoral approach is wrong and may hinder further development in many Member States underlined Peter Danielsson."

EREF certainly welcomes the harder position of the Commission on unbundling, grid access, price distortion by incumbent energy companies and hopes for further clarity. "It was very good to see, that the Commission also expressively cares for access of independent Renewable Power Production to the overall energy market", concluded Peter Danielsson.

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