

Program (version March 14, 2008)

European Sustainable Energy Seminar 2008

One-day seminar organized by INFORSE-Europe and EREF, Brussels

Date: April 8, 2008 - Time: 9.00 – 17.30, including lunch and breaks

Venue: Rue Joseph II 166, 1000 Brussels (just beside the EU Charlemagne building, metro: Schuman)

Participation fee: 80 Eur. Free for members of INFORSE-Europe and EREF.

All session will include discussion with participants after presentations.

9.00 Registration

9.15 Opening by the Organizers

9.30 –11.00 The New European Energy Policy

A session on EU new energy policies after the EU Summit March 8-9, the effects for renewable energy and energy efficiency. Presenters:

- MEP Britta Thomsen (Socialist)
- MEP Claude Turmes (Greens)
- Peter Vis, Cabinet member for Energy Commissioner Andrej Piebalgs
- Dörte Fouquet, EREF

Chair: Pete West, INFORSE-Europe (SWEA, UK)

11.00 Coffee

11.30-12.30 Upcoming Renewable Energy Directive

A session on the proposed renewable energy directive. The session will include an analysis of the necessary support for renewable energy to reach the 20% target and their costs; state of play for the proposal; and compliance questions for the directives and national targets.

- Peter Danielsson, EREF
- Karina Veum, EC DG TREN, Unit D1 (Regulatory Policy and Promotion of Renewable Energy)
- Pete West, INFORSE-Europe, SWEA, UK

Chair: Emil Bedi, INFORSE-Europe (FAE, Slovakia)

12.30 Lunch

13.30 Renewable Energy for Transport vs. Sustainable Transportation in the EU

A session on ways to achieve a sustainable transport system in Europe, the contribution of renewable energy, and the roles of EU energy package and transport policies

- Gunnar Boye Olesen/Sergio Oceransky, on INFORSE-Europe's vision for transport
- Kerstin Meyer, European Federation for Transport & Environment
- Alexandra Langenheld, EC DG TREN, Unit D1 (Regulatory Policy and Promotion of Renewable Energy)

Chair: Cecile Godinho, INFORSE-Europe

14.30 EU Strategic Energy Technology Plan and Sustainability

A session on the role and progress of the SET-plan and how it could become a contribution to sustainable development.

- Greg Arrowsmith, EUREC
- Gunnar Boye Olesen/Pete West, INFORSE-Europe
- Bruno Schmitz, head of unit, EC DG Research, unit New and Renewable Energy Sources

Chair: Peter Danielsson, EREF

15.30 Coffee

16.00 EU Guidelines on Environmental State Aid

The EU guidelines on environmental state aid is undergoing a revision. What will the new guidelines bring? Presenters:

- Dörte Fouquet, EREF
- Bente Tranholm-Schwarz, EC DG Competition, Dir.A, State Aid Policy Unit.

Chair: Emil Bedi, INFORSE-Europe (FAE, Slovakia)

16.40 Sustainable Energy Visions and Zero Carbon Scenarios

Short session presenting of INFORSE-Europe and others working on sustainable energy visions and strategies for Europe and individual countries including the UK. Presenters:

- Gunnar Boye Olesen, INFORSE-Europe
- Paul Allan Centre for Alternative Technology (CAT) Wales/ZeroCarbonBritain

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