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European Renewable Energies Federation

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The upcoming Work Programme for Directorate General of Energy of the European Commission - EREF's points of urgency

EREF asks the next Commission to start with the objective to get Europe 100 % renewable as fast as possible.

EREF asks the Commission to strengthen intelligence in the system towards drastic savings of energy consumption and massive introduction of renewable energies in order to overcome insecurity for supply from mineral sources, end of any nuclear adventure burdening the world since generations and certainly a specific plan to phase out of fossil gas within the next decade.

EREF would like the Commission to create round tables between independent power producers and the big utilities to start a more cooperative approach for a change towards sustainable energy service replacing the old notion of being seller of kilowatts or heat.

Europe needs especially:

- A clear strategy to tap renewable energy with modern technologies and intelligence as locally and regional as possible and to this as prime mover.
- Larger renewable energy production centers will also be needed in order to swiftly change towards the 100 % target and to ensure security of supply.
- Focused and financially strengthened research on RES technology, storage and energy efficiency
- Improved grid and balancing infrastructure
- Non discriminatory access to grid in all Member States
- Increase of the grid connections between the Nordic countries and the countries at the Baltic and the North Sea. Sweden and Norway certainly have potential to export renewable electricity in the future and this electricity should not be locked in due to weak connections.
- The balancing systems should be integrated so that the variations can be covered by greater areas and in that way minimize the need and cost for balancing the electricity systems. This is one of the parts that need centralization.
- Triggering and supporting virtual power balancing with regional renewable production from various sources.
- The successful Feed-In support systems have to be ensured and strengthened also as the only successful system and bases for any future harmonization of mechanisms.

EREF President Nikos Vassilakos: "Europe is still the motor for development, for fine engineering, research and sustainable production. This creative and market development force from renewable and efficiency needs to be spread further throughout Europe and the Commission can do a lot to encourage Member States to change their industry and energy structure alike. EREF has always worked with the Commission in a constructive way and is looking forward to do so in the next years to come."

The whole list of action points can be downloaded on the EREF web page.