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EREF honours three outstanding Europeans for Renewables: Mechtild Rothe, Claude Turmes, Anders Wijkman

On the occasion of its 10th anniversary, EREF, the European Voice of Independent Producers of Energy from Renewable Sources honours three outstanding Europeans for their courageous support and great work for renewable energy and for energy efficiency.

Mechtild Rothe was Member of the European Parliament from 1984 to 2009, during the last two years she was Vice President of the Parliament. Mechtild Rothe dedicated her political commitment to an extent to the promotion of renewable energies and reduction of obstacles for independent power producers which was a superb guaranty for the industries' strive and success. Mechtild is President of EUFORES, the European Forum for Renewable Energy Sources.

Anders Wijkman from Sweden was member of the European Parliament for 10 years until 2009. Anders followed a path of excellence in important engagements such as Director-General of the Swedish Agency for Research Cooperation with Developing Countries (1992-1994), Member of the Swedish Parliament (1971-1978), Assistant Secretary-General of United Nations and Policy Director of UNDP (1995-1997). Anders is Member of the Club of Rome and various other prestigious institutions. His whole career is linked to nature conversation and the development of sustainable energies.

Claude Turmes from Luxemburg is certainly the doyen and most active member of the European Parliament for renewable energies and energy efficiency. He became Member of the European Parliament in 1999. He was the rapporteur for the current new Directive on the promotion of renewable energies and key figure during the whole set of difficult negotiations.

EREF President Dr. Nikos Vassilakos: “ EREF honors these three Europeans because they were all three together most important to help the renewable world in Europe to get a Directive with clear binding targets for our next years of work. They defended the importance of Independent renewable Power Production. We are very happy and thankful, that they fought so hard to make it happen.”

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