12th Inter-Parliamentary Meeting on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency


Meeting of the Core Members of Parliament from the European Parliament and EU27 national Parliaments

In cooperation with the Hellenic Parliament
Friday 23 November 2012 and Saturday 24 November 2012
Venue: Senate Room, Hellenic Parliament, Athens, Greece
The event will be held in English with Greek interpretation.

Thursday 22 November 2012 – Arrival and Get together
20:00-23:00 Informal get together and snacks for early arrivals, Electra Palace Hotel, 18-20, N. Nikodimou Str., 10557 Athens (Main Conference Hotel)

Friday 23 November 2012 – Renewable Energy Session
8:30 Registration and security access
Entrance of the Hellenic Parliament at Vasilissis Sofias St. (please bring ID)
Conference Chair: Jan Geiss, Secretary General of EUFORES

9:00 Opening session
Chair: Anni Podimata, MEP, Vice-President of EUFORES, Vice-President of the European Parliament
Short welcome addresses
- Evangelos Meimarakis, President of the Hellenic Parliament
- Yannis Maniatis, MP Greece, Parliamentary Host of IPM12 in Athens

9:40 Key-note speech
Claude Turmes, MEP, President of EUFORES

10:00 Key-note speech
“Renewable energy in Greece – where to start from”
Asimakis Papageorgiou, Deputy Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change

10:15 Discussion “The role of renewables projects to save the Greek economy”
Chair: Claude Turmes, MEP, President of EUFORES
- Arthouros Zervos, CEO, PPC Public Power Corporation, Greece
- George Peristeris, President, Greek Association of RES Electricity Producers
- Panagiotis Papastamatou, President, Hellenic Wind Energy Association
- Iordanis Paradissiadis, President, Greek Solar Industry Association
- Alexandros Athanasiou, CEO, Krannich Solar Germany/ M.E.P.E

Exchange of views with MEPs and MPs

11:30 Coffee break
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<td>- “Regional, Structural and other Funds – the money is there”</td>
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<td>Mathieu Fichter, DG REGIO, European Commission</td>
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<td>Georgette Lalis, Head of the Athens Office, Task Force for Greece, European Commission</td>
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<td>Co-Chair: Antonio Leitao Amaro, MP Portugal</td>
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<td>Experts’ input: Isabel Cancela de Abreu, Director of the Technical Department, APREN –</td>
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<td>Expert’s input: Gaynor Hartnell, Policy Director, REA - Renewable Energy Association, UK</td>
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<td>Rainer Hinrichs-Rahlwes, Board Member, BEE – German Renewable Energy Federation, Germany</td>
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<td>- Input speech: “Is Europe on track to reach its 2020 goals?”</td>
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<td>Christian Panzer, Senior researcher at the Energy Economics Group Vienna, Scientific</td>
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<td>Panel discussion with introductory speeches</td>
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<td>Paul Hodson, Head of Unit Energy Efficiency, DG Energy, European Commission</td>
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<td>- “Renewables as an opportunity to create jobs and develop business”</td>
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Rainer Hinrichs-Rahlwes, President, European Renewable Energy Council
Exchange of views with MEPs and MPs

18:00 Conclusions
Anni Podimata, MEP, Vice-President EUFORES

20:00 Gala dinner, restaurant Dionysos, Acropolis, 43 Rovertou Galli St., Athens

Saturday 24 November 2012 – Energy Efficiency Watch Session

9:00 Registration and security access, Hellenic Parliament
Conference Chair: Jan Geiss, Secretary General, EUFORES

9:30 Key note speech: “Energy efficiency – the constant challenge”
Yannis Maniatis, MP Greece, Former Deputy Minister for Environment, Energy and Climate Change, Parliamentary Host of IPM Athens

Energy Efficiency-Watch session

9:45 “Energy efficiency: Doing more with less – solutions and low hanging fruits”
Chair: Yannis Maniatis, MP Greece
- “The role of efficiency for the European economy”
  Nils Borg, Executive Director, eceee
- “Energy efficiency – we can deliver!”
  Jan te Bos, Secretary General, EURIMA, Coalition for Energy Savings
- “Energy efficiency – A business case for Greece?”
  Efthimios Vidalis, President, Sustainable Development Committee of the Hellenic Federation of Enterprises
- Exchange of views with MEPs and MPs

10:45 Coffee break

11:00 “Status of energy efficiency policies and market development in Europe – Results from Energy-Efficiency-Watch project”
Chair: Hans Josef Fell, MP Germany
- “Feedback from the markets: Successes and failures of efficiency policies”
  Stefan Thomas, Director, Wuppertal Institute
- “Critical Conclusions on EU efficiency policies”
  Erica Hope, Senior Policy Officer, CAN Europe, Coalition for Energy Savings
- Exchange of views with MEPs and MPs

12:00 Coffee break with snacks

Chair: Georgios Koumoutsakos, MEP
- Hans Josef Fell, MP Germany
- Paul Hodson, Head of Unit Energy Efficiency, DG Energy, European Commission
- Matthieu Ballu, Coalition for Energy Savings
- Exchange of views with MEPs and MPs

13:30 Conclusion of the conference, Jan Geiss, Secretary General, EUFORES

14:00 Bus trip including historic tour guide, departing from Hellenic Parliament
Lunch at harbour restaurant “Omilos”, Vouliagmeni, 20 km South of Athens

18:30 Arrival Athens centre, Hellenic Parliament, Syntagma Square
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1 Day one is organized in the framework of the Keep-on-track! project with core focus on the late afternoon session.
2 Day two is organized in the framework of the Energy-Efficiency-Watch 2 project.
3 In case of an earlier flight, a taxi trip to Athens airport is possible within 30 min.