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EUFORES Presidents welcome the results of the National Renewable Energy Action Plans (NREAPs).

EUFORES Board of Presidents, Claude Turmes (EUFORES President, Member of the European Parliament - MEP), Fiona Hall (EUFORES Vice-President, MEP) and Anni Podimata (EUFORES Vice-President, MEP) welcome the result of the NREAPs that EU Member States aim at reaching a share of 20.73% of RES in 2020.

With the beginning of its presidential term of the European Council, Hungary has submitted the last missing National Renewable Energy Action. With all plans on the table, it is now possible to take stock and draw conclusions for the reaching of the target of 20% Renewable Energy in 2020. As a matter of fact, adding up all numbers, Member States predict in their plans to overshoot the target by 0.73%.

"I am very pleased to note that the Member States have done their homework and confirm the European Parliament's point of view that 20% share of Renewable Energy in Europe's final energy consumption in 2020 is absolutely feasible and is only the minimum target", says **Fiona Hall** (MEP UK, Liberals & Democrats), **EUFORES Vice-President**. "The fact that 15 countries will exceed their national targets and only two countries will need to rely on the cooperation mechanisms for reaching their target show that the targets were absolutely realistic."

EUFORES Vice-President Anni Podimata (MEP Greece, Socialists & Democrats) shared her colleague's delight about the positive numbers, but insists: "The Member States are now urgently called upon to implement the national action plans; hence to cut red tape on authorisations, develop infrastructures, train skilled work force and create stable national support mechanisms, which will be key to get this framework attractive for investments."

The NREAPs, for which the deadline of submission passed in June 2010, are part of the implementation of the Directive on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources (2009/28/EC), which was adopted in 2009.

EUFORES President Claude Turmes (MEP Luxembourg, Greens/EFA), who acted as rapporteur of the Directive for the European Parliament says: "This Directive is the most comprehensive piece of legislation the European Union has ever had when it comes to the promotion of renewable energy. It is important that Member States will get the time to implement this properly now. In that respect we deplore that some political actors want to reopen an old and unnecessary discussion about replacing successful national support schemes by European tradable green certificates. Such a scheme would be more expensive for EU consumers than the actual national support schemes. I am pleased to see that except one, all Member States are rejecting this idea."



The EUFORES Board of Presidents is waiting for the results of an in-depth evaluation of the NREAPs, which is currently conducted by the consortium of the REPAP2020 project and which will be available in spring 2011. The report with the evaluation results as well as further background information on the REPAP2020 project are available on the website: www.repap2020.eu.

Background information

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