# 8th Inter-Parliamentary Meeting on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency

**7th November 2008**  
Hungarian National Assembly, 1-3. Kossuth tér, 1055 Budapest

## Thursday 6th November 2008

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<td><strong>Informal Welcome Drink Reception</strong> <em>(Hotel Parlament, Budapest Kálmán Imre u. 19)</em></td>
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| 08:00 | **Security Access and Registration – Parliament of Hungary**  
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Conference Chair: Jan Geiss, Secretary General, EUFORES |

## Opening Panel

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<td><strong>Welcome by Katalin Szili, Speaker of the Hungarian Parliament</strong></td>
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| 09:15 | **Opening panel – “Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency - The Challenge for a European sustainable energy policy”**  
- *Mechtild Rothe*, MEP, President EUFORES, Vice-President European Parliament  
- *Emese Kottasz*, Policy Officer, DG TREN, European Commission  
- *Andor Nagy*, Member of Parliament, Hungary, Member of EUFORES  
- *Christine Lins*, Secretary General, European Renewable Energy Council (EREC)  
- *Ada Ámon*, Director, Energia Klub, Hungary |
| 10:30 | **Coffee Break**                                                                         |

## Session 1 “Europe’s Renewable Energy Future”

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<td><strong>“Directive on the promotion of Renewable Energy in Europe”</strong></td>
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<td>Chair: <em>Alan Whitehead</em>, MP United Kingdom</td>
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- “The crucial role of National Action Plans”, *Emese Kottasz*, Policy Officer, DG TREN, European Commission  
- “Benefits for Central and Eastern European (CEE) economies from the cooperation mechanisms in the RES-Directive”, *Mario Ragwitz*, Senior Scientist, Competence Center Energy Technology and Energy Policy at the Fraunhofer-Institute for Systems and Innovation Research (ISI)  
- **Exchange of views with MEPs and MPs**                                                |
| 12:00 | **Lunch Break**                                                                         |
13:00  “From potentials to investment: Options for Central and Eastern European Countries”
Chair: Hans Josef Fell, MP Germany
- “Potentials for Renewable Energy in Central and Eastern European Countries”, Dagnija Blumberga, Director, Riga Technical University, Faculty of Energetics and Electronics, Environmental Protection and Heat System Institute
- “Biomass Resources and Bioenergy technologies”, Heinz Kopetz, President European Biomass Association (AEBIOM)
- “Wind power for Central and Eastern Europe”, Pawel Wloch, Vice-President, Polish Wind Energy Association, Deputy Director EPA.
- “Geothermal markets in Hungary and CEE Countries”, Gábor Szita, Hungarian Geothermal Association; Managing Director, Porcio
- “Solar heating, cooling and power: Perspectives for the energy future of the EU in relation to security of energy supply and price stability”, Hans Kronberger, President, PV Austria
- Exchange of views with MEPs and MPs

14:30
- “Budapest Declaration” - Closed Members of Parliament Meeting, Chair: Mechtild Rothe
- Coffee Break + Guided Tour for all other participants

Session 2 “Energy Efficiency in Europe”

15:30  “Energy efficiency action plans - Evaluation and perspectives for Central and Eastern European Countries”
Chair: Andor Nagy, MP Hungary
- “Energy Efficiency Policies in the EU“, Anni Podimata, MEP
- “Challenges and solutions for Central and Eastern European Countries - analyses on the National Energy Efficiency Action Plans”, Ralf Schüle, Wuppertal Institute, Scientific partner, Energy-Efficiency-Watch
- “National Energy Efficiency Action Plans - the political process, contents and challenges - an example from Hungary”, Bence Huba, Environmental and Strategic Director, Energy Centre Hungary
- “Energy Efficiency Potentials in CEE buildings: How can we harvest them?”, Diana Ürge-Vorsatz, Director, Center for Climate Change and Sustainable Energy, Central European University
- “Solutions for Energy Efficiency – We can deliver”, Andrew Warren, Senior Advisor, EuroACE, Energy Efficiency Industry Forum
- “Co-generation and district heating systems based on biomass, geothermal and solarthermal energy”, Eric Larsson, Manager, Energy Policy, Swedish District Heating Association
- Exchange of views with MEPs and MPs

17:30  Closing of the conference
Guided Tour through the historic building of the Parliament of Hungary

20:30  Parliamentary Gala Dinner, Location: “The Spoon Boat” on the River Danube - Exclusively sponsored by Mainstream Renewable Power
- Welcome: Mechtild Rothe
- Key note: Eddie O’Connor, CEO, Mainstream Renewable Power
Saturday 8\textsuperscript{th} November 2008

10:00-14:00 Guided Bus Tour through Budapest with typical Hungarian lunch
Main sites: Buda Hill with the majestic Castle, St. Matyas Church and the Fisher´s Bastion; Andrásy Avenue, St. Istvan Basilica, the Opera House and Heroes´ square

Departure and Arrival at “Hotel Parlament”

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