



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

21:00 Informal Welcome Drink Reception (Hotel Parlament, Budapest Kálmán Imre u. 19)

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08:00 Security Access and Registration – Parliament of Hungary
(**please bring ID or Passport to enter the Parliament and conference**)
Conference Chair: Jan Geiss, Secretary General, EUFORES

Opening Panel

09:00 Welcome by Katalin Szili, Speaker of the Hungarian Parliament
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”

11:00 “Directive on the promotion of Renewable Energy in Europe”
Chair: Alan Whitehead, MP United Kingdom

- “The RES-Directive – State of negotiations between EU Council and European Parliament”, Claude Turmes, MEP, Vice-President EUFORES, EP-Rapporteur on the RES-Directive
- “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 8th 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; Andrassy Avenue, St. Istvan Basilica, the Opera House and Heroes' square
Departure and Arrival at "Hotel Parlament"

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