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Dear Reader,

Please find in this email our first newsletter for the Energy Efficiency Watch project. It contains a short policy update section and informs you about the latest and most important developments in the EEW.

If you have any questions concerning EEW or if you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Energy Efficiency Watch - Background

In September 2007 the Energy Efficiency Watch (EEW), following a Parliamentary call and coordinated by EUFORES, was officially launched. The project monitors and highlights best policy practice of political and legislative measures, instruments and activities in the field of energy efficiency within the framework of the "National Energy Efficiency Action Plans" (NEEAPs). In a second step it will inform about the results and offer advice on the drafting and implementation of the NEEAPs.

Latest news regarding the NEEAPs

The Energy Efficiency and Energy Service Directive (ESD) requires Member States to achieve a reduction target in end-energy use of 9% by 2016, and therefore to submit three National Energy Efficiency Action Plans (NEEAPs) to show on how they are planning to reach that goal. The first NEEAP was due by June 30, 2007.

The European Commission published its first assessment report of all National Energy Efficiency Action Plans (NEEAP) that were available until December 2007 (17 in total). Although the Action Plans provide some encouragement, there appears to be a gap between the political commitment to energy efficiency and the proposals aimed at facing up to these challenges.

On October 2007, the Commission launched Infringement Procedures for the remaining Member States for their failure to notify the first NEEAP. Up to today almost all Member State have submitted an action plan.

Please find the related EC documents at:

http://ec.europa.eu/energy/climate_actions/index_en.htm

The European Commission is conducting an analysis right now on whether the NEEAPs fulfil the requirements of the ESD Directive.

Energy Efficiency Watch – Evaluation

First results

Within the Energy Efficiency Watch project, Wuppertal Institute and Ecofys carried out a screening of all available plans. This evaluation is complementary to the EC evaluation.

The overall impression of the first screening is that the issue of energy efficiency is not taken seriously enough. The screening identified very heterogeneous designs, contents and levels of information provided. In most cases, the relationship between technical energy saving potentials, energy saving targets and energy efficiency improvement measures, is weak or not transparent.

Nevertheless, a very illustrative and impressive collection of measures exists that enables international mutual learning.

The collection of measures broadens thinking about energy efficiency from isolated measures to coherent policy packages. But what is needed now is a harmonisation of the NEEAPs and the evaluation methods.

Please find the results from the scientists at:

<http://www.energy-efficiency-watch.org/index.php?id=49>

Please feel free to send us your feedback on the situation and the findings of the evaluation.

Energy Efficiency Watch - Schedule

In several meetings the five Managing Partner of the EEW (EUFORES, ECOFYS, the Wuppertal Institute, the Upper-Austria Energy Agency (ESV), and the European Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ECEEE)), have discussed the NEEAPs together with external partners from industry and civil society in order to create a stakeholders contribution and feedback group that covers as many sectors of energy efficiency as possible.

During the Inter-Parliamentary Meeting at the Sustainable Energy Week in Brussels, first results of the screening had been presented. ([See IPM@EUSEW2008](#))

Now that the first screening is done, Wuppertal Institute and Ecofys will in a second phase evaluate 12 of the NEEAPs in-depth to find out best policy practices that then can be communicated all over Europe as advice for the second round of NEEAPs in 2011. The in-depth evaluation will be finished by the end of July. The results will then be distributed all over Europe with a special focus on 6 parliamentary events. The first one is planned to be held in Budapest, Hungary early November 2008.

Please visit the EEW webpage regularly to get additional information:

<http://www.energy-efficiency-watch.org>

Political dimension: Join the EEW!

The overall impression of the NEEAPs is that the issue of energy efficiency is not taken seriously enough.

However, this area offers a high potential and is a huge opportunity to reach Europe's 2020 targets as announced in the Commissions climate change package. Energy efficiency is not only linked with the saving of energy and therefore the reduction of emissions but it is also a condition for energy security by reducing energy dependency on oil, also keeping in mind the rising energy prices.

The cleanest and cheapest energy is saved energy!

JOIN US! ...and get regular information and advice from the EEW!

We invite you to join the Energy Efficiency Watch by becoming a partner of the EEW online community.

If you are interested, please contact us at eufores@eufores.org !

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