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Join the EEW!

Dear Reader,

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

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

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“Promoting Energy Efficiency in Europe” - The EEW Brochure is available now!

It is based on the EEW evaluation of the National Energy Efficiency Action Plans (NEEAPs), and it is offering advice on good practices of energy efficiency policies.

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

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 good 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.

Please visit the EEW webpage regularly to get additional information:

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

Energy Efficiency – Policy Update

Since all EU Member States submitted their first National Energy Efficiency Action Plan, now the implementation of all measures announced in the NEEAPs is the key for the success of national policies. Furthermore, an enduring process of updating and strengthening the measures is needed in order to stimulate permanent innovation in a more energy efficient society.

The Commission is committed to providing support to Member States on implementation and also facilitating further development and improvement of the NEEAPs. A **Concerted Action on the Energy Services Directive (CA ESD)**, funded by the Intelligent Energy Europe Programme (IEE), has been established in June 2008 as a Member State platform for exchange of experiences and good practices. One of its five core themes focuses on the NEEAPs and how to improve them and establish their strategic role in the future. The CA ESD will run until

June 2011 and more information is available at its website: www.esd-ca.eu. The Commission also provides support to Member States via different IEE projects, as pointed out by Pirjo-Liisa Koskimäki (Head of Energy Efficiency Unit, DG TREN) during an interview with EurActiv (www.euractiv.com).

The EEW can play an important role in this process as well.

The goal of the **EEW project** is to ensure ambitious NEEAPs in all EU Member States. Therefore with its publication the EEW is offering advice on good practices of energy efficiency policies to enable an international mutual learning process.

The existing gap in several NEEAPs between the political commitment on energy efficiency on one side, and the strategies and measures presented in the plans, needs to be minimised. This shall be the basis for stronger plans and keen commitments in the second round of NEEAPs in 2011.

Another major step for a more energy efficient Europe is the currently ongoing **re-cast of the energy performance of buildings directive (EPBD)**. EUFORES – as Parliamentary Network - is strongly involved in that process. The EEW project supports these activities with substantial information, a strong network of experts and with scientific expertise.

Energy Efficiency Watch – Project News

EEW Brochure and Report

The screening of all NEEAP as well as the in-depth analysis of 12 selected plans is finished. Those selected NEEAPs were from: Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Romania, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom.

“Promoting Energy Efficiency in Europe” - The EEW Brochure is available now!

The 16-pages EEW Brochure presents the **evaluation results** in a **condensed** way. It shows good practice examples in the transport and public sector, shows the advantages of financial incentives, market-based approaches, voluntary agreements, the dynamisation of standards and others.

The brochure is available in **English now! Spanish, French, Polish and Czech** versions will become available **mid February**.

You can download the English version as well as the other languages as soon as they are published at: <http://www.energy-efficiency-watch.org/index.php?id=49>

The full **EEW Report** of the evaluation including a detailed Annex will be published at the website **mid February** as well. The report, based on the screening working paper already available online, will serve as an information source for readers who would like to know more about the various NEEAPs in detail.

EEW Schedule

The EEW Brochure and Report will be distributed all over Europe with a special focus on Parliamentary events.

The first one took place within **EUFORES’ 8th Inter-Parliamentary Meeting in Budapest**, Hungary November 2008.

The IPM8 gathered more than 60 Members of the European Parliament and of National Parliaments from 19 EU Member States. Furthermore, high-level civil servants from the European Commission, selected representatives from industry

and the NGO-sector attended. In the adopted Declaration of Budapest the attending Parliamentarians urged Member States to implement, monitor and improve energy efficiency measures listed in their respective NEEAPs as well as work on the improvement of the second round of national Energy Efficiency Action Plans. (Information at: <http://www.eufores.org/index.php?id=115>)

Over the year 2009 **additional Parliamentary events** are planned in **Spain, Poland, the United Kingdom and Belgium.**

Please visit the EEW website, section events, regularly for updated information at: <http://www.energy-efficiency-watch.org/index.php?id=48>

The **final EEW project meeting** between 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) – as well as all external Reference Group partners from industry and civil society will be tabled the end of June 2009.

Energy Efficiency Watch – Upcoming Events

Energy Efficiency Watch Conference, Wels (Austria) 26 + 27 February 2009

The First Energy Efficiency Watch Conference will be held on 26+27 February 2009 in Wels/Austria in the framework of the World Sustainable Energy Days, one of the largest annual conferences in Europe on sustainable energy production and use.

The Energy Efficiency Watch conference will:

- Analyse European energy efficiency potentials
- Present recent developments in energy efficiency policies and technologies
- Detail the results from a scientific analysis of the 27 NEEAPs
- Provide a forum for discussion for Parliamentarians from the European, the national and regional levels with representatives of Member States governments and administrations as well as high-level experts.

You can find all related information as well as **register** at: www.wsed.at

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 an organisation or agency, or a supporting Member of Parliament.

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

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