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Dear Reader,

Please find here our first newsletter for the Energy Efficiency Watch 2 (EEW2) project. It contains a short project description, informs you about the latest and most important developments within the EEW2 project and gives an update on the latest situation in the energy efficiency field in Brussels. If you have any questions concerning EEW2 or if you would like to receive further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Energy Efficiency Watch 2 has started!



The Energy Efficiency Watch 2 project, a follow-up project of Energy Efficiency Watch, was launched in September 2010 and lasts until August 2013. The project aims **to facilitate the implementation** of the Energy Services Directive. To this end, it **activates and consults core networks** (e.g. national and European Parliamentarians, regional and local networks, experts), **gathers feedback on implementation of energy efficiency policies** via surveys, policy screening of NEEAP2s and comprises various dissemination activities.

The project is coordinated by EUFORES and involves 6 other project partners: **Wuppertal Institute, Ecofys, Upper Austria Energy Agency, eceee, Energy Cities and FEDARENE**. Within EEW2, up to **20 events** will be organised with the aim to gather feedback on implementation of national energy efficiency policies across the EU and to disseminate results from EEW and EEW2. Numerous EEW2 sessions will be incorporated at the well-known conferences such as **World Sustainable Energy Days (ESV, Austria), Annual Rendezvous of Energy Cities, Annual Conferences of FEDARENE and eceee Summer Study**. Beside those, two **EEW2 conferences** will take place in the **European Parliament**. One of the most interesting parts of the project lies in **workshops for national stakeholders** in the national parliaments. This format brings national stakeholders together at one table so that they discuss barriers to the implementation of energy efficiency policies in their home country and suggest solutions. The ultimate goal of the **EEW2 project** is to help fill in the gap between the energy efficiency strategies and their actual implementation. For this reason it also offers its advice to the Concerted Action ESD.

Energy Efficiency – Policy Update

Following the Directive on energy end-use efficiency and energy services, all EU Member States were required to submit their **second National Energy Efficiency Action Plans (NEEAP2) this summer**. EEW2 will screen those action plans and write national reports based on the NEEAPs analysis and output of the survey on the implementation of the first round of NEEAPs. EEW2 will thus provide a valuable overview of the current situation in each EU Member State.

As Europe is not on track to meet its target of 20% in energy savings, the European Commission has tabled an **Energy Efficiency Plan** on **8 March 2011**. The European Commission suggested revising the Directive on energy end-use efficiency and energy services with a number of binding measures such as obligatory energy savings in the public sector and power industry. According to the two-step approach of the European Commission, if those measures prove ineffective and EU Member States are still far away from their way to the 2020 target, the European Commission promises to review its energy efficiency policy in 2014. Then, binding targets would be considered. On **22 June 2011**, the European Commission put forward a **Proposal for a Directive on energy efficiency** in order to implement a stronger energy efficiency policy and to deliver adequate measures.

EEW2 intends to play a role in this important process by providing the European institutions with the project output. The project consortium has some substantial results from the first Energy Efficiency Watch which will be supplemented by the NEEAP2s analysis and feedback on the implementation of energy efficiency policies gained at numerous events and through the survey.

What has been going on in Energy Efficiency Watch 2?

Presidency Briefings

EUFORES Board of Presidents - Claude Turmes (EUFORES President, MEP), Fiona Hall (EUFORES Vice-President, MEP) and Anni Podimata (EUFORES Vice-President, MEP), the project partners, and representatives of the upcoming presidencies in the Council of the European Union gather and discuss the agenda of the Council for upcoming 6 months. Since the start of the EEW2 project, there have already been two presidency briefings. The first one took place on 5 October 2010 with the Energy Attaché from the Permanent Representation of Hungary and the second one was organised on 3 May 2011 with the representatives of the Polish Permanent Representation. Those meetings serve as a tool to make Council representatives more aware of energy efficiency and thereby push energy efficiency higher on the Council agenda. On the other hand, it informs the participants about the Council work and agenda for upcoming 6 months.

Parliamentary Debate in the European Parliament

On 7 December 2010, EUFORES organised a high-level parliamentary debate “Energy Efficiency in Europe – Time to Act and Implement”. This debate focused on the upcoming European Energy Efficiency Plan. Making policy-makers aware of the project and its activities and bringing all important stakeholders together in order to discuss energy efficiency was very timely. The European Commission subsequently tabled the Energy Efficiency Plan on 8 March 2011.



Networking events of EEW2

Several project partners of EEW2 have included a session on EEW2 in their conferences. The participants ranged from scientific experts, researchers, practitioners, NGOs, industry to local, regional, national and European policy-makers.

The Upper Austrian Energy Agency organised an Energy Efficiency Watch session, “Building Renovation”, as a part of its annual international conference World Sustainable Energy Days (2-4 March 2011). At this largest annual conference in this field in Europe, innovative examples of efficient, economic and sustainable buildings were presented and approaches towards deep renovation were outlined. It also discussed cost-optimal renovation levels and minimum performance requirements.



Multilevel governance and the support of national governments for local authorities was the topic of a panel discussion at the Annual Rendezvous organised by Energy Cities in Zagreb, Croatia on 8 April 2011. Energy efficiency stakeholders from Brussels exchanged their views with policy-makers at the local and city level.

ECEEE included an EEW2 session in its 10th Summer Study on 10 June 2011. Taking “Energy Efficiency First” as a motto of the summer study, policy-makers, researchers, activists and professionals participated in paper presentations and numerous discussions on how sustainable savings can be achieved. The EEW2 session was arranged in an interactive format with the objective to gather solutions to several weak points in the following topics: energy sector, industry and service sector, transport sector, residential and public sector.



National Parliamentary Workshops in EU Member States

EUFORES organised 3 parliamentary workshops for national stakeholders in order to discuss the placement of energy efficiency on the national agenda, preparatory works for National Energy Efficiency Action Plans 2 and the implementation of the first National Energy Efficiency Action Plans.



The first workshop was organised in Poland on 1 February 2011, the second one in the German Parliament in Berlin on 24 March 2011 and the third one took place in the French National Assembly on 15 June 2011.

All three workshops focused on the very specific national situations and discussed implementation of energy efficiency policies, barriers to its implementation and its importance for the economic development. Best practices and policy suggestion were also presented by the scientific partners of the project.



Please visit the EEW2 webpage to get additional information on the events and project activities: <http://www.energy-efficiency-watch.org>

EEW2 needs your input in the survey!

An important part of the EEW2 project is a survey on the implementation of energy efficiency policies in the EU Member States. The EEW2 project wants to learn what has been implemented on the national level since the first National Energy Efficiency Action Plans were issued in 2007. The lessons learned and shortcomings identified will be helpful in improving European and national policy set-up.

Express your expert's view on the national energy efficiency policies in your home country and fill in the survey! Please click [here](#).

What is next?

EUFORES 11th Inter-Parliamentary Meeting, Swedish Parliament, Stockholm, 30 September - 1 October 2011

A special session on EEW2 will be incorporated in the EUFORES annual Inter-Parliamentary Meeting. It is a meeting of national and European Parliamentarians active in the field of energy efficiency and renewable energy sources. This high-level conference, also called “**100 parliamentarians for high renewable and high energy efficient Europe**”, will be attended by parliamentarians, officials from national governments, European Commission, selected representatives of industry, NGOs and scientific sector. You can find more information [here](#).



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