

Seminar

# Renewable Energy: A Chance for the Economy?

Maastricht, 15-16 June 2009



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## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Description:** During recent years, the promotion of renewable energy has gained new momentum. In 2007 the EU agreed to increase the use of renewables to 20% of total energy production. In addition, it proposed the adoption of a new directive on the promotion of the use of renewable energy; leading to many Member States taking action with regard to this area. However, as the impact of the financial crisis on Member States' economies now becomes more and more apparent, it seems that the willingness of politicians to financially support renewable energy initiatives is decreasing.

In this context, the seminar offers presentations relating to the economic impact of renewable energy policies, the impact of the financial crisis on the European Union's renewable energy policy, and the so-called "Green New Deal", which aims to strengthen the economy through more investments in, among other things, renewable energy.

In order to stress the positive effects of renewable energy policies, the programme includes several examples of the successful implementation of these policies throughout the Member States.

However, since it is not only important to discuss the positive impact renewable energies can have on the economy, but also to demonstrate ways in which Member States can invest in these sources of energy in an effective way, the second day of the programme will focus on the efficient use of financial resources, as well as examples of measures through which renewable energy can be promoted.

**Target Group:** This seminar is meant for (senior level) managers and policy makers from all governmental levels in the EU Member States, as well as others interested and working in the field of renewable energies.

**Language:** The conference will be conducted in English.

**Programme:** The seminar takes place in Maastricht and will commence on Monday 15 June at 09.00 and will finish on Tuesday at 16.30. Registration of participants on Monday starts at 08.45.

**Seminar Venue:** The seminar will take place at the Bordeaux Conference Room (1.16) of the European Institute of Public Administration, O.L. Vrouweplein 22, NL-6211 HE Maastricht, tel.: +31.43.3296222, fax: +31.43.3296296.

**Fee:** The participation fee is € 700 and includes documentation, 2 lunches, 1 dinner and refreshments. Accommodation and travel costs are at the expense of the participants or their administration.

**Hotel:** The European Institute of Public Administration will be pleased to make hotel reservations for you at a hotel in Maastricht. We have made a block booking at Hotel Beaumont\*\*\*\* ([www.beaumont.nl](http://www.beaumont.nl)), at the rate of ± € 99,77 p.p.p.n. (incl. breakfast and tourist tax). Should you wish to make use of this possibility, please indicate the dates of arrival and departure on the registration form. Payment is to be made directly and personally to the hotel on checking out. Please note that if you register after the closing date, hotel reservations cannot be guaranteed.

**Meals:** Lunches will take place at the Institute's restaurant. Dinner on Monday evening will take place at a restaurant in Maastricht city centre. Should you require a special menu (e.g. vegetarian, diabetic), please inform the Programme Organiser so that this can be arranged.

**Registration:** Kindly complete the registration form and return it **before 29 May 2009** to Ms Winny Curfs, Programme Organiser, European Institute of Public Administration, P.O. Box 1229, NL-6201 BE Maastricht. Tel.: +31.43.3296320; fax: +31.43.3296296; e-mail: [w.curfs@eipa.eu](mailto:w.curfs@eipa.eu). You can also submit the on-line registration form. Go to [www.eipa.eu](http://www.eipa.eu) and scroll down to *Forthcoming Seminars and Training Courses*.

**Confirmation:** Confirmation of registration will be forwarded to participants on receipt of the completed registration form.

**Payment:** Prior payment is a condition for participation. Please indicate the method of payment on the registration form. For cancellations received after the closing date indicated on the registration form we will have to charge an administration fee of € 150 unless a replacement participant is found.



## PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

### Monday 15 June 2009

09.00 **Welcome and Introduction**  
*Ms Maria Kleis, Project Leader, EIPA, Maastricht (NL)*  
*Mr Martin Unfried, Co-Project Leader, European Policies Unit, EIPA, Maastricht (NL)*

#### **PART 1: THE FINANCIAL CRISIS AND THE EUROPEAN RENEWABLE ENERGY POLICY**

09.15 **The Renewable Energy Directive and National Economic Stimulus Plans**  
*Ms Dörte Fouquet, Senior Partner, Kubbier lawfirm, Brussels (BE)*

10.00 *Coffee break*

10.30 **The Financial Crisis and the European Renewable Energy Policy**  
*Mr Tom Howes, Policy Officer, Unit 1 Regulatory Policy & Promotion of Renewable Energy, DG Energy and Transport, European Commission, Brussels (BE)*

#### **PART 2: WAYS FOR MEETING EUROPEAN 2020 RENEWABLE ENERGY TARGETS**

11.15 **The Austrian Biofuel Policy**  
*Dr. Heinz Bach, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Vienna (AT)*

12.00 **Concerto Initiative. Supporting Energy Efficient Communities**  
*Dr. Brigitte Bach, Project Coordinator Concerto Plus, Head of Department Energy, Arsenal Research, Vienna (AT)*

12.30 **Green-Solar City Valby Copenhagen**  
*Mr Jakob Klint, Project Coordinator, Green Solar Cities, Copenhagen (DK)*

13.00 *Lunch*

#### **PART 3: THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY**

14.30 **The Impact of Renewable Energy Policy on Economic Growth and Employment in the European Union**  
*Dr Mario Ragwitz, Head of Unit "Renewable Energies", Fraunhofer Institute for Systems and Innovation Research, Karlsruhe, (D)*

15.30 **The Green New Deal**  
*Mr Andrew Simms, Policy Director, New Economics Foundation, London (UK)*

16.15 *Coffee Break*

16.45 **Plenary Discussion: Issues, Problems, Best Practices**

*End of First Day*

*Dinner at a restaurant in Maastricht*

### Tuesday 16 June 2009

#### **PART 4: EFFICIENT USE OF RESOURCES**

09.30 **Creating Market Conditions for Renewables**  
*Prof. Arturo Lorenzoni, Research Director, IEFE, Università Bocconi, Milan (IT)*

10.30 *Coffee Break*

11.00 **The Impact of Policy Instrument Design on the Financing Costs of Renewable Energy: Stability Pays Off**  
*Mr David de Jager, Managing Consultant Renewable Energy, Ecofys Netherlands, Utrecht (NL)*

#### **PART 5: MEASURES TO PROMOTE RENEWABLE ENERGY**

12.00 **Using Structural Funds to Promote Renewable Energy**  
*Ms Nicole van Beeck, SenterNovem, The Hague (NL)*

13.00 *Lunch*

14.30 **Which Measures Create a State Aid Problem and which Costs are Eligible for Public Support**  
*Mr Melvin Könings, Senior Consultant, Lysias Consulting Group, Amersfoort (NL)*

15.15 *Coffee Break*

15.45 **Green Public Procurement**  
*Mr Martin Unfried*

16.30 *End of Seminar*

# Registration Form

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Surname: ..... Title: .....  
First name: ..... M / F .....  
Current position: .....  
Organisation: .....  
Department: .....  
Work address: .....  
Postal code & town: ..... Country: .....  
Tel. no. (work) : ..... Fax no.: .....  
E-mail address: .....

### PAYMENTS — 0931901

The participation fee includes participation in the seminar, documentation,  
2 lunches, 1 dinner and beverages

€700

#### Method of payment:

**Bank transfer**

The participants or their administration will receive an invoice for the payment of the registration fee.

Invoice address (if different from the abovementioned address):

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E-mail: .....

**Credit card**

American Express Card

Eurocard/Mastercard

Visa Card

Card no.: ..... Expiry date: ...../.....

Name Card holder: ..... (in case this differs from above)

Address Card holder: ..... (in case this differs from above)

Postal code: ..... Country: ..... (in case this differs from above)

Card Validation Code: ..... (this refers to the last three digits of the number on the BACK of your card)

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Note: Pre-payment is a condition for participation. For administrative reasons, a fee of € 150 will be charged for cancellations received after the closing date unless another participant is designated.

### HOTEL RESERVATION

Please reserve hotel accommodation for me.

**Date of arrival:**

**Date of departure:**

**No. of nights:**

No hotel reservation required.

### MEALS

To all participants 2 lunches and 1 dinner will be served. However, please indicate any special menu

Vegetarian:  yes -> fish allowed  yes  no

Other (e.g. diabetic, glutenfree) : .....

**As the number of places is limited**, please return the completed registration form **before the closing date of 29 May 2009** to:

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