

A word from the Manager

Dear Readers,

September and October have been very busy and productive for ISLENET and its members.

On the 20th of September the first seminar of CPMR's Energy Working Group took place in Truro, Cornwall under the sponsorship of the Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership. The seminar was very successful, as it produced no less than 20 recommendations for future actions at local/regional level.

On the 21st of September the final conference of the project European REislands took place on the premises of Scotland House in Brussels. The event's keynote speaker was Ms. Matilde Rothe, MEP. Ten European islands from Gotland in Sweden to Crete in Greece made important contributions to the conference by presenting their renewables activities and strategies.

In September the European Parliament endorsed a report by MEP Claude Turmes calling for a significant increase in the contribution of renewables in both the energy mix and electricity generation.

On the 21st of September DG TREN and DG Research held an Information day for the current call of proposals, perhaps the last call under FP6.

On the 7th of October, The Intelligent Energy Executive Agency held its first Information Day for the 2005 'Intelligent Energy – Europe' Programme and Call for proposals.

I close by announcing that we plan to hold our first ISLENET conference in Brussels in March-April 2006 and hope to see you all there.

Happy reading!
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IMPORTANT NEWS**ISLENET is holding a conference in Brussels - March-April 2006**

The two-day conference (date still to be determined) which has been financially supported by the European Commission's Intelligent Energy for Europe Programme, will be used as the forum to achieve the following objectives:

- Assess the present state of development of sustainable energy systems in European islands in light of the structural disadvantages of insular communities and the specificities of insularity.
- Review the efficiency and the results of the operation of the ISLENET network from its creation in 1994 to date.
- Discuss and adopt a strategy for future actions that will enhance and accelerate the penetration of sustainable energy systems as well as advanced sustainable energy technologies (e.g. hydrogen systems) in island communities.
- Discuss and approve the ways and means by which the ISLENET network will be further strengthened.

Members of the European Parliament, the Committee of the Regions, the European Commission, as well as European island local authorities and Energy Agencies are expected to contribute to the success of the two-day event. Information will follow on the website and in the next issue of this newsletter.

MEPs ask for mandatory EU target for renewable energies.

The European Parliament adopted on **3rd October** a report by Claude TURMES (MEP Greens/EFA, LU) which outlines a strategic overview on where renewable policies stand in Europe and proposes concrete actions to increase the share of renewable energy in the EU. MEPs recognise the potential of a wide diversity of 21 different renewable energy

technologies and point out that the EU is a world leader in most renewable energy technologies. In order to finance concrete actions, MEPs suggested that the upcoming 7th framework program for research, technological development and health (FP7) must include increased funding for renewable sources of energy and energy efficiency.

Green Paper on Energy Efficiency

The **Green Paper on Energy Efficiency** was adopted by the Commission on the 22nd of June 2005. It is the starting point of a thorough discussion with all stakeholders on the priorities in this field. The consultation on the Green Paper will last until the end of **March 2006**. The Commission will publish an **Action Plan** as the outcome of the consultation in which it indicates which actions should be undertaken, in what fields and in what order of urgency. The Commission has invited input that can now be offered on-line:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/energy/efficiency/index_en.htm

Intelligent Energy Europe Call for Proposals announced

The Call for Proposals and the Annual Work Programme 2005 of the 'Intelligent Energy – Europe' Programme have been published.

On 7 October 2005 EIE held its Information Day in Brussels. The slides presented are now available at

http://europa.eu.int/comm/energy/intelligent/library/publications_en.htm.

The dates for additional Info Days organised in member states can be found on

http://europa.eu.int/comm/energy/intelligent/events/infodays_en.htm.

Application forms for projects (SAVE, ALTENER, STEER and Horizontal) and events are now available

CLOSING DATES

Type 1 Actions (except COOPENER)	31 January 2006
Type 2 Actions	31 January 2006
COOPENER Actions	28 February 2006
Type 3 Actions	1st cut-off date: 30 November 2005
Type 3 Actions	2nd cut-off date: 28 April 2006

Please visit the Intelligent Energy Site for more information:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/energy/intelligent/whatsnew/index_en.htm

Sustainable Energy Europe 2005-2008 launch on 28-29 November 2005



The **Sustainable Energy Europe 2005-2008** Campaign is a European Commission initiative in the framework of the Intelligent Energy - Europe (2003-2006) programme, which aims to raise public awareness and promote sustainable energy production and use among individuals and organisations, private companies and public authorities, professional and energy agencies, industry associations and NGOs across Europe. Further information is available on the Campaign website: www.sustenergy.org/suregnew.cfm

PROJECT NEWS

European REislands Conference



European REislands held its conference on the benefits of the use of Renewable Energy Sources (RES) and their integration in island communities on the 21st of September 2005 at the Scotland House in Brussels. The project is funded by ALTENER, a Community initiative focusing on the promotion of renewable energy sources. The project's objective is to increase the commitment of European citizens to the development of energy sustainable communities.

The end result of the project is a set of dissemination tools that can be utilised for the promotion of RES:

- **an hour long video** in several European languages, with examples of best practice from participating islands,

- **a web site** in 6 European languages, English, Spanish, Italian, Greek, Swedish and Danish, which disseminates information about RES and specific island experiences from all partners: www.europeanreislands.net,
- **a 3 minute downloadable clip** in several European languages with English subtitles available on the project website, and
- **a brochure** with useful information on RES dissemination tools.

Please visit the web site at:
www.europeanREislands.net

and request copies of the video.
You may also request copies of the video from:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✚ **23 -24 November 2005, Milan, Italy: First European Conference on Energy Management**

The main goal of the Conference is to illustrate, discuss and promote Energy Management, both in the industrial sector and non-residential buildings, to companies and decision makers.
www.euremconference2005.it

- ✚ **28-29 November 2005, Brussels, Belgium European Conference to launch the Sustainable Energy Europe Campaign 2005-2008.** For more information please visit: www.sustenergy.org/suregnew.cfm



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- ✚ **18-19 January 2006, ICC Berlin CLEAN ENERGY POWER® 2006**

Conference and Exposition for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency in New and Old Buildings

The exhibition is free of cost for all visitors
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- ✚ **7-8 February 2006 Brussels, Belgium Annual ManagEnergy Conference on Local Energy Action**
<http://www.managenergy.net/events.html>

- ✚ **27 February – 2 March 2006, Athens, Greece - European Wind Energy Conference & Exhibition 2006.**

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- ✚ **2 - 3 March 2006: The "European Energy Efficiency Conference"**, will be held in **Wels, Austria** in the frame of the World Sustainable Energy Days 2006. More information: about the European Energy Efficiency Conference & the Call for Papers, the World Sustainable Energy Days and the O.Ö.Energiesparverband at: www.wsed.at (where also an [online-registration form](#) is available) or at (+43-732-7720-14386, office@esv.or.at).

- ✚ **3 - 7 July, 2006 in Chania, Greece, International Conference "Protection and Restoration of the Environment VIII"**

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For more information, please visit the conference website:
<http://www.pre8.enveng.tuc.gr>.