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European Islands Network on Energy & Environment



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ISLENET is holding its annual conference in Brussels 9-10 October 2007

Island Networking and Focus on Technologies



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October 2007 conference


ISLENET is holding its 2007 Conference which will focus on **Renewable Energy Sources and the Rational Use of Energy**. The main objective is to present and debate on the use of technologies that are more appropriate for island communities with the view to building **technology initiatives that will strengthen inter-island cooperation**.

The two-day event takes place on **9-10 October 2007** at “**Diamant Conference and Business centre**”, **80 Boulevard A. Reyers, 1030 Brussels** and is free of charge.

The Conference is co-funded by the **Intelligent Energy-Europe Programme** of the European Commission and Comhairle nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles Council).

Co-sponsors: The Conference of Peripheral and Maritime Regions (CPMR), and the B7 Network, a co-operation of the 7 largest islands in the Baltic Sea.



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The Conference Programme

The Conference will open on Tuesday, 9th October:

Alex MacDonald, the Convener of Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, **Alyn Smith**, Member of the European Parliament for Scotland, **Francesco Musotto**, Member of the European Parliament and President of the Province of Palermo, **Jean Didier Hache**, Executive Secretary of the Islands Commission of the CPMR, **Vincent Berrutto** of the Executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation and **Pedro Ballesteros** of DG TREN of the European Commission will address the Conference.

The various sessions will address the following themes:

- ❖ Biomass and Biogas
- ❖ Wave and Tidal Energy
- ❖ Sustainable Island Communities
- ❖ Hydrogen and Hydrogen Hybrid Energy Systems
- ❖ Energy Efficiency

Most sessions are organised in “**Round Tables**” in order to animate a discussion and the exchange of ideas and transfer of experience from all parties participating in the sessions.

One of the main objectives of this year’s conference is to launch a **number of energy technology initiatives for island communities, including biomass, tidal, hydrogen technologies**, in an effort to **bring together island authorities, energy and regional development agencies and technology providers** with a view to promoting renewable energy solutions best suited for island communities and coastal regions.

This year’s conference has both diverse speakers and audience.

Speakers and participants represent islands



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from **Gotland in Sweden, Bornholm, Samsø and Åero, Denmark, Orkney and the Western Isles to the Canary Islands and Madeira to the islands of the Aegean all the way south to Sardinia, Sicily, Crete and Cyprus.**

The mayor of Utsira, Norway, (the first pilot hydrogen community in Europe) and six Greek islands of the Aegean are also expected to attend and contribute to the debate.

With respect to networks, there will be presentations from the **B7 Network**, a co-operation of the 7 largest islands in the Baltic Sea and **DIPE**, a network of 23 Greek islands.

This year particular attention has been given to the active participation of industry players and researchers. Presentations will be given from:

- **Gaia Energy**, a biomass technology company that has a particular interest in biomass investments in islands
- **EREC**, the European Renewable Energy Council, which acts as an umbrella organisation of the European renewable energy industry
- **EUBIA**, the European Biomass Industry Association

The conference will also examine the importance of forming partnerships and their impact on the development and implementation of integrated sustainable energy plans.

- **Involvement in the Sustenergy campaign:** The Italian Ministry for the environment in partnership with ISLENET promoting sustainable energies in Italian islands.

For information, registration and instructions on how to get to the DIAMANT Conference Center, please visit www.islenet.net

UNIDO-ITCHET Hydrogen Meeting

In parallel with the ISLENET Conference, UNIDO's International Center for Hydrogen Energy Technologies is organising its kick-off meeting on the 10th of October also at the DIAMANT Conference Center.

The conclusions and recommendations of the UNIDO-ITCHET meeting will be announced in the hydrogen session of the ISLENET conference with the view to forming a partnership and working together in establishing and promoting the ***Hydrogen Initiative for Island Communities.***

RERINA EU CONFERENCE



The RERINA project is the study and classification of the European Insular Areas in relation to their potential to implement Renewable Energy Sources (RES) applications. www.rerina.net

It is co-funded by the Intelligent Energy Europe programme.

RERINA is holding an EU Conference on 10-11 October 2007 in Brussels.

It is organised in tandem with the 2007 ISLENET Conference, 9-10 October 2007. At the end of the ISLENET conference and at the same venue, the DIAMANT Conference Center, the RERINA Conference registration will open at 18:00 with a welcome drink and short presentations from:

- **Vincent Berrutto**, Head of Unit, Executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation (EACI), European Commission,
- **Professor Nikolas Kalogerakis**, Dean, Environmental Engineering Department, Technical University of Crete, **and**
- **Jorgo Chatzimarkakis**, Member of the European Parliament.

The RERINA project will produce an integrated methodology which will show how to develop and implement efficient Sustainable Energy Plans (SEP). It will cover:

- SEP Practical Guide for Planners
- RES technologies
- potential problems and bottlenecks
- existing potential for renewables and energy efficiency in the European Islands
- how to raise awareness
- how to improve involvement of local communities and stakeholders

For registration and more information, including on how to get to the DIAMANT Conference Center, please visit: www.rerina.net

