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17 & 18 October 2017, Venue: VMA3 & VMA1, Van Maerlant Building
European Committee of the Regions, Rue Van Maerlant 2, Brussels

17 October 2017

Plenary Sessions (CoR VMA3)

08:00 – 09:00 Registration and welcome coffee

Conference Chair: Jan Geiss, Secretary General EUFORES

09:00 – 10:30 Opening Session: EU policies on Renewables

Chair: **Jan Geiss**, Secretary General EUFORES

- Welcome to the European Committee of the Regions
Jiri Burianek, Secretary General of the European Committee of the Regions
- The perspective of the European Commission
Paula Abreu Marques, Head of Unit, Renewables and CCS policies, DG Energy, European Commission
- Key note: Global Renewables Investments
Angus McCrone, Chief Editor, Bloomberg New Energy Finance
- Renewables Markets and System Integration - Status and Forecasts
Paolo Frankl, Head of Renewable Energy Division, IEA

High level comments

- The perspective of the European Parliament
José Blanco López, MEP, Rapporteur RED II
- The perspective of the European Council
Siim Meeliste, Counselor for Energy, Estonian Perm Rep to the EU, EU Council Presidency
- Latest update: Renewables in the EU energy package
Claude Turmes, MEP, President EUFORES

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

10:30 Press Briefing for Media only - Claude Turmes, Angus McCrone and Paolo Frankl, VMA1

11:00 – 12:00 Horizontal Panel: Experts' studies on the deployment of renewables

Chair: **Claude Turmes**, MEP, President EUFORES

- IRENA's potential study for the EU
Dolf Gielen, Director, Innovation and Technology Center, IRENA
- Possible Targets for EU in 2030
Corinna Klessmann, Director, Ecofys
- Non-Cost Barriers to Renewable Energy Growth
Jan-Benjamin Spitzley, Deputy Head of the Policy Department, eclareon
- Contributions of wind to a 100% RES Europe
Giles Dickson, CEO, WindEurope

Questions and Answers

12:00 – 13:00 Multilevel Governance Panel: Stakeholder inputs on the deployment of RES

Chair: **Theresa Griffin**, MEP, Vice-President EUFORES

- Key-note: Technical and economic added value of local RES deployment
Christian Synwoldt, University of Trier, Umwelt-Campus Birkenfeld
- The Role of the Regions
NN, European Committee of the Regions*
- The Role of the Cities
Stephan Brandligt, Deputy Mayor of Delft, The Netherlands, Board Director of Energy Cities
- The importance of stakeholder involvement in long-term planning
Imke Lübbecke, Head of Unit, EU Climate and Energy Policy, WWF European Policy Office

Questions and Answers

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break

Parallel Sector Sessions (CoR VMA1 & VMA3)

Renewables in Heating and Cooling (CoR VMA1)

14:00 – 15:30: The Clean Energy Package and beyond

Chair: **Miapetra Kumpula-Natri**, MEP

Key notes

- RES-H&C: A complex universe
Nigel Cotton, Director of Building Construction & Technology, European Copper Institute
- RES-H&C potentials and breakthrough requirements
Tobias Fleiter, Coordinator of Business Unit Demand Analyses and Projections, Fraunhofer ISI

Discussion Panel

- **Philippe Dumas**, Secretary General, EGEC
- **Ingo Wagner**, Policy Manager, DHC+
- **Lex Bosselaar**, National H&C Expert, Netherlands Enterprise Agency
- **Ute Collier**, Senior Programme Leader, Renewable Energy Division, IEA
- **Oliver Rapf**, Executive Director, BPIE (prosumers, smart homes, system integration, storage)

Open discussion with participants

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:30 A RES-Heating and Cooling obligation: how will Member States deliver?

Chair: **Clare Moody**, MEP

Key notes

- The Clean Energy Package: an opportunity to accelerate RES-H+C deployment
Eva Hoos, Policy Officer, Unit Renewables and CCS Policy, DG Energy, European Commission
- Lessons from implementation of the Energy Efficiency Obligations (Art. 7 EED) and the role of evaluations
Vlasis Oikonomou, IEECP (Institute for European Energy and Climate Policy), IEE ENSPOL project coordinator/ H2020 EPATEE project partner

Discussion Panel

- **Eva Hoos**, Policy Officer, Unit Renewables and CCS Policy, DG Energy, European Commission
- **Jean-Marc Jossart**, Secretary General, AEBIOM
- **Michael Schack**, Director of Heating and Cooling Networks and Cogenerations, ENGIE
- **Andrea Miller**, Head of Brussels Office, Stadtwerke Munich

Open discussion with participants

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Parallel Sector Sessions (CoR VMA1 & VMA3)

Renewables in Electricity (CoR VMA3)

14:00 – 15:30: A sustainable market for RES-Electricity

Chair: **Morten Helveg Petersen**, MEP

Key notes

- Market readiness for renewables in Europe
Mario Ragwitz, Deputy Head of Competence Center Energy Policy and Energy Markets, Fraunhofer ISI
- Weighted Average Cost of Capital – a game changer
Robert Brückmann, Head of the Policy Department, eclareon

Discussion Panel

- **Antonio López-Nicolás Baza**, Deputy Head of Unit Renewables and CCS Policy, DG Energy, European Commission
- **James Watson**, CEO, SolarPower Europe
- **Dörte Fouquet**, Director, EREF
- **Dirk Vansintjan**, President, REScoop.eu

Open discussion with participants

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:30 Governance Panel RES-E

Chair: **Sean Kelly**, MEP

Key notes

- Macro-regional governance - opportunities and challenges
Corinna Klessmann, Director, Ecofys

Discussion Panel

- **Antonio López-Nicolás Baza**, Deputy Head of Unit Renewables and CCS Policy, DG Energy, European Commission
- **André Poschmann**, Head of “European electricity policy and market integration”, German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy
- **Dörte Fouquet**, Director, EREF

Open discussion with participants

18 October 2017

Sector Session

Renewables in Transport (CoR VMA3)

08:00 – 09:00 Registration and welcome coffee

09:00 – 11:00 Technical Sector Panel RES-T

Chair: **Bas Eickhout**, MEP

Key note

- The economics of e-mobility
Pete Harrison, Director, Transport Programme, European Climate Foundation

Discussion Panel

Chair: **Claude Turmes**, MEP, President EUFORES

- **Bernd Kuepker**, Policy Officer, Unit Renewables and CCS Policy, DG Energy, European Commission
- **Anne Grete Holmsgaard**, Director, Biorefining Alliance
- **Luc de Marliave**, Head of Institutional Relations Europe, Total Renewable Energies

Open discussion with participants

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

Concluding Plenary Session

The political process of the next year (CoR VMA3)

11:30 – 13:30 Closing Session: EU policies on Renewables

Chair: **Jan Geiss**, Secretary General EUFORES

Key note

- Financing renewables
Dominik Bach, Senior Policy Officer, KfW Bankengruppe

Concluding remarks

- **Paula Abreu Marques**, Head of Unit, Renewables and CCS policies, DG Energy, European Commission
- **Molly Walsh**, Climate Justice and Energy Campaigner, Friends of the Earth Europe
- **Siim Meeliste**, Counselor for Energy, Estonian Permanent Representation to the EU, EU Council Presidency
- **Claude Turmes**, MEP, President EUFORES

Questions and Answers

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