



EUROPEAN FORUM FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES

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KIND REQUEST TO BECOME A MEMBER OF EUFORES

Dear Mr. Wedell-Neergaard,

I am addressing you as Member of the European Parliament and President of EUFORES, the European Forum for Renewable Energy Sources, to invite you to join EUFORES and/or to help to expand our network by inviting your Colleagues to join EUFORES - especially the Colleagues from the Committee that you chair.

As you may already know, EUFORES is a non-profit organisation founded by Parliamentarians in 1995 in order to promote energy efficiency measures and renewable energies within Europe. EUFORES has been building up a considerable network of political decision makers to facilitate the exchange of views.

Europe is facing huge political challenges related to energy policy:

- Security of energy supply (import dependency on energy products will increase up to 70 % by 2030 if no changes will happen)
- Increasing and volatile oil and gas prices (which dampens macroeconomic growth)
- Environmental concerns (mainly CO₂ and other greenhouse gas emissions)
- Creation of employment (RES and EE measures create jobs in particular at regional level)
- Economic growth in high tech sectors (Europe is the worldwide leader in some fields of renewable energy and energy efficiency related technologies)

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Considering all of that, a balanced energy mix with a strong role of renewable energies and energy efficiency measures will be required.

EUFORES provides its Members with information on most up to date developments in the renewables and energy efficiency sector and serves as an information platform for Parliamentarians working in this field.

EUFORES has been organizing the Inter-Parliamentary Meeting on renewable energy and energy efficiency (IPM) 6 times until now. The IPM is a high level conference where Members of the European Parliament and of national Parliaments come together in order to debate sustainable energy policy measures for Europe. The next Meeting will take place in Berlin, Germany, under the German EU Presidency in the first half of the year 2007.

Furthermore, I would like to take the opportunity to ask you to help us establishing a better relation with the administrative part of your Parliament dealing with renewable energy and energy efficiency. EUFORES intends to build up an internet based information tool with the latest policy developments of EU Parliaments in the field of renewable energy and energy efficiency.

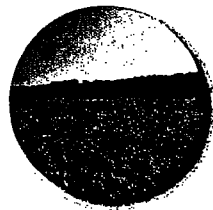
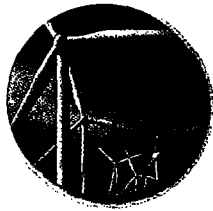
Bringing together the relevant Members of Parliaments within the parliamentary network of EUFORES will facilitate a better information exchange amongst us. It will be for the benefit of better legislation also within the implementation process of EU law into national law. I would like to mention that membership with EUFORES is free of charge for Parliamentarians.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

For application and further information please see the enclosed brochure or have a look at www.eufores.org.

Yours sincerely,

Mechtild Rothe, Member of the European Parliament
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From a challenging situation to political action within Europe

Basic challenges of today's energy system

- Increasing import dependency of the EU (security of energy supply)
- Energy price increases and volatility
- Climate change and other environmental risks
- Geo-strategic tensions caused by scarce energy resources

What needs to be done?

- Promote renewable energy and energy efficiency within the European Union
- Develop effective framework conditions and markets for renewable energy and energy efficiency
- Implement intelligent energy policy and instruments in the EU Member States
- Create a communication process and experience exchange among Parliamentarians across Europe
- Involve the broader public in renewable energy and energy efficiency issues

What is EUFORES?

EUFORES is an independent, non-profit making organization and leading promoter of renewable energy and energy efficiency.

EUFORES was established in 1995 in order to create a communication forum on renewable energy among European and national Parliamentarians, and among Parliamentarians and other stakeholders relevant to the sector (scientists, industry, associations, ngos).

EUFORES aims to transform best practice into coherent policy measures.



Achievements

- EUFORES is the European parliamentary network on renewable energy and energy efficiency.
- EUFORES organizes the annual Inter-Parliamentary Meeting in the EU - a meeting including Members of the European Parliament and national Parliaments and a wide range of key-players of the renewable energy and energy efficiency sector.
- EUFORES built up the communication network for Parliamentarians and other key-players in the sector.
- EUFORES and its members have been involved in many relevant projects and legislative procedures within the EU, the accession countries and developing countries.
- EUFORES delivers political and scientific advice to its members.
- EUFORES issues informative mailings exclusively to its members on the most up-to-date policy issues.
- EUFORES created a database with nearly 10.000 key-players.



Key Initiatives

- Entlargement and deepening of the European parliamentary network on renewable energy and energy efficiency
- Organization of events like the Inter-Parliamentary Meetings
- Support for legislative proposals and initiatives in the field of renewable energy and energy efficiency
- Provision of political and scientific advice
- Support to our members' initiatives
- Integration of key actors from science, industry and civil society into the European parliamentary network
- Creation of new channels of communication between political and institutional representatives, industry and other key-players of the sector
- First hand access to most relevant information in the field. Analysis of the most current issues and best practice
- Participation in and leadership of projects of the European Commission related to renewable energy and energy efficiency

Why join EUFORES?

- To support best policies for renewable energy and energy efficiency
- To be part of the European parliamentary network
- To be part of the exchange of experience among policy makers and key actors in the field
- To bring in your practical experience and visions about renewable energy and energy efficiency as a basis of successful and effective policy frameworks
- To support the management of EUFORES and strengthen its work force in its Brussels office
- To be part of a great vision, to support its transformation into policy and to contribute to the development of the European Union and beyond towards a more sustainable energy future

Membership details

● HONORARY PARLIAMENTARY MEMBER

Honorary Parliamentary Member (Member of the European Parliament or of Parliament of EU Member State - free of charge)

- Access to individual political and scientific advice by EUFORES and its advisory boards
- Full integration into the EUFORES network
- Free participation in the annual Inter-Parliamentary Meetings

● CORPORATE

Supporting Sponsoring Member 5000 Euro*

- Full integration into the EUFORES network
- Free participation in the annual Inter-Parliamentary Meetings
- Prominent position of name and logo

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- Full integration into the EUFORES network
- Free participation in the annual Inter-Parliamentary Meetings

Effective Member 400 Euro*

- Full integration into the EUFORES network

Affiliated Member (non EU) 400 Euro*

- Access to legal information relevant to the sector and access to most up-to-date news on sector issues

● INDIVIDUAL

(For membership details please see above explanations.)

Supporting 500 Euro*

Effective 130 Euro*

Affiliated (non EU) 130 Euro*

* The annual fee for membership in EUFORES is tax deductible.



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