



Press Release

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European Parliamentarians adopt Declaration of Berlin 2007 and call for a clear and ambitious Framework Directive on Renewable Energy Sources

On 5th and 6th of October, the 7th Inter-Parliamentary Meeting (IPM) of EUFORES brought together over 60 Parliamentarians from EU27 national parliaments as well as the European Parliament to discuss European political challenges in the field of renewable energy.

The high level meeting in the German Bundestag led to the adoption of the **Berlin Declaration 2007** on future EU policies in the field of renewable energy. The Parliamentarians call for a clear and ambitious Framework Directive on Renewable Energy and define with the declaration key claims for the design of this new European legislation.

During the meeting, the **Presidents of EUFORES** demanded a strong proposal: "What we need is a framework that secures and expands European leadership in renewable energy technology. Renewable energy serves not only as a means to mitigate climate change and to secure the supply of energy, but also works to sustain an economic boom which has already created over 350,000 jobs Europe-wide!" - **MECHTILD ROTHE**, EUFORES President and Vice-President of the European Parliament.

The European Commission's proposal is expected on the 5th of December. This will set into legislative form the decision of the 27 EU member states and heads of government of March 2007 to increase the share of renewable energy in the total energy supply to 20% by 2020. "The Commission's proposal must guarantee large scale investments in renewable energy sources for all member states in the fields of electricity, heating and cooling as well as fuel. Only with these investments can we ensure complete market penetration and allow all member states to reach their goals." - **CLAUDE TURMES**, Vice-President of EUFORES and MEP.

The Presidents of EUFORES are concerned in particular about tendencies within the Commission to introduce mandatory certificate trading schemes for renewable energy. This would endanger the successful feed-in models of Germany and other EU member states such as Spain and Denmark, which have already proven themselves as effective and cost-efficient measures of promoting renewable energy technology.

The Parliamentarians agreed in Berlin that the IPM and follow-up meetings will help direct the attention of national and European Parliamentarians to the Commission. "We expect a clear mobilization of Parliamentarians all over Europe for the development of a strong Framework Directive to sustain the present success of renewable energy in Europe," concluded **MECHTILD ROTHE** and **CLAUDE TURMES**.

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EUFORES - the European Forum for Renewable Energy Sources - is a European parliamentary network and an independent Non-Profit Organization aimed at promoting renewable energy in Europe.

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