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European Members of Parliaments adopt the Declaration of Budapest 2008

On 7th November 2008 the 8th Inter-Parliamentary Meeting (IPM8) organised by EUFORES brought together over 60 European and national Parliamentarians from 19 EU Member States. The Parliamentarians discussed in two sessions the negotiation status of the new European Framework Directive for Renewable Energy (RES) as well as the status of the national Energy Efficiency Action Plans (NEEAP).

The high level meeting in the beautiful Parliament of Hungary led to the adoption of the **Declaration of Budapest 2008** on future EU policies in the field of renewable energy and energy efficiency.

The Parliamentarians call for a clear and ambitious Framework Directive on Renewable Energy and define key claims for the design of this new European legislation. They also urge Member States to implement, monitor and improve energy efficiency measures listed in their respective national Energy Efficiency Action Plans as well as work on the improvement of the second round of national Energy Efficiency Action Plans.

The Parliamentarians stress that particularly in these times of financial crisis, energy efficiency measures and renewable energy have to be supported. The EU's responsibility and credibility to honour its energy and environmental commitments also have to be reinforced. Renewable energy sources and energy efficiency tackle the issues of energy poverty, reduce the dependency on energy imports, enforce competitiveness and limit the effects of climate change.

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