

EUFORES Press Release

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European Members of Parliaments adopt the Declaration of Brussels 2009

Key requests for:

- Ambitious and timely National Renewable Energy Action Plans by 30 June 2010
- <u>Binding</u> 20% efficiency target for 2020 in a <u>new European Energy Efficiency Action Plan</u>
- <u>Key role</u> of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency in the <u>climate negotiations</u> in <u>Copenhagen</u> December 2009

On 18th November 2009 the 9th Inter-Parliamentary Meeting (IPM9) organised by EUFORES brought together European and national Parliamentarians from 17 EU Member States. The Parliamentarians discussed the implementation of the new Directive for Renewable Energy as well as the status of the European energy efficiency policies.

The high level meeting in the Parliament of Belgium led to the adoption of the Declaration of Brussels 2009 on future EU policies in the field of renewable energy and energy efficiency. (PDF download)

The Parliamentarians call for a consistent implementation of the Directive on Renewable Energy and urged the EU Member States to develop ambitious, effective and timely National Renewable Energy Action Plans, which are expected by 30 June 2010.

They also ask for a **new and ambitious European Energy Efficiency Action Plan** with a **20% binding target on energy efficiency for 2020**.

The Parliamentarians stress the **key role of renewable energy sources and energy efficiency** to tackle the issues of **energy poverty**, reduce the **dependency on energy imports**, enforce **competitiveness** and limit the effects of **climate change**. Both are key solutions, which should be supported by the international climate negotiations in Copenhagen in December 2009.

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