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Dear Reader,

Please find in this email our third newsletter for the Energy Efficiency Watch project. It informs you about the latest and most important developments within the EEW project.

If you have any questions concerning EEW or if you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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[EEW Final Report available now!](#)

The evaluating report of the National Energy Efficiency Plans (NEEAPs) has been written by the scientific partners of the EEW project, Wuppertal Institute and Ecofys. Having previously screened all plans submitted ([Screening Working Document](#)), the report contains the in-depth assessment of 12 selected plans.

The report concludes that due to the lack of a standardised format of the NEEAPs, the plans are very different with regard to structure and amount of information provided. There is also often a methodological gap between the calculation of the energy saving targets and the measures listed to achieve those. The authors also express their doubts for the achievement of the targets that are non-binding in comparison to the binding 20% renewable energy share and 20% CO₂ reduction target for 2020.

However, positive features are the coherent policy measures that many of the plans contain. The NEEAPs also allow for a mutual learning among Member States, especially with regard to the next round of plans foreseen in June 2011. While the first NEEAP had to provide only basic information on targets and measures, the second and third plan will require additional information e.g. on the evaluation of the impacts of the preceding NEEAP, or on the final results with regard to the fulfillment of the indicative energy savings target.

The report concludes by calling for a stronger pre-structuring of the NEEAPs by the European Commission in terms of a template that would both facilitate the development of the plans and the evaluation of the impacts of measures listed.

You can access the full report and more information at the [EEW project website](#).

Energy Efficiency Watch - Background

In September 2007 the Energy Efficiency Watch (EEW), following a Parliamentary call and coordinated by EUFORES, was officially launched. The project monitors and highlights good policy practice of political and legislative measures, instruments and activities in the field of energy efficiency within the framework of the "National Energy Efficiency Action Plans" (NEEAPs). In a second step it is informing about the results and offering advice on the drafting and implementation of the NEEAPs.

Please visit the EEW webpage regularly to get additional information:

<http://www.energy-efficiency-watch.org>

Energy Efficiency Watch – Past Events

Energy Efficiency Watch Conference, Wels (Austria) 26 + 27 February 2009

The First Energy Efficiency Watch Conference was held on 26+27 February 2009 in Wels/Austria in the framework of the World Sustainable Energy Days, one of the largest annual conferences in Europe on sustainable energy production and use.

The conference opened with a general Energy Efficiency Policy Session, followed by a session focusing on the NEEAPs and a discussion roundtable with industry representatives. In addition, the next day a closed Parliamentary Meeting was held.

The Energy Efficiency Watch conference was attended by 306 participants. Among those were 16 Parliamentarians (regional, national, European), 10 from new MS, and more than 40 civil servants. All other participants came from civil society, industry, science, media etc.

You can find all related information at: www.wsed.at

Briefing with the upcoming Swedish EU-Council Presidency

In April, the third EEW Presidency Briefing with the upcoming Swedish EU Council Presidency took place. Annette Persson, Energy Counsellor from the Swedish Permanent Representation, followed the discussion on the EEW NEEAPs evaluation and gave a presentation on behalf of the Swedish Permanent Representation.

The topic of Energy Efficiency will be high on the agenda of the Swedish EU Council. One of the topics will be the revised European Energy Efficiency Action Plan. The Presidency would also like to reach political agreements on energy efficiency proposals within the Strategic Energy Review 2 (topics are e.g. the Buildings and Labelling Directive).

The EEW project offered its support for the work of the Swedish Presidency and will cooperate wherever it is possible.

Second EEW Roundtable London, United Kingdom

A second national Parliamentary event took place in the House of Commons in London on 12th May 2009. It was organised in conjunction with the PRASEG conference. Besides British officials working on the NEEAPs, some British Parliamentarians and other stakeholders participated in the two-hour workshop.

The attendees were briefed about the evaluation results of the NEEAPs in general by Ralf Schüle from Wuppertal Institute. Paul Chambers, Head of Household Energy Efficiency Strategy and Supplier Obligation Team, DECC, gave an insight into the British NEEAP and its energy efficiency instruments.

EEW Schedule- Upcoming events

The EEW Brochure and Report are distributed all over Europe, also in selected Parliamentary events.

Over the year 2009 **additional Parliamentary events** are planned in **Spain, Poland** and **Belgium**.

Please visit the EEW website, section events, regularly for updated information at:

<http://www.energy-efficiency-watch.org/index.php?id=48>

Though the dates for Spain and Poland are not fixed yet, the event for the **Belgian Parliament** will take place during the EUFORES 9th Inter-Parliamentary Meeting in the Belgian Parliament in Brussels on **18th November 2009**.

The **final EEW project meeting** between the five Managing Partners of the EEW - EUFORES, Ecofys, Wuppertal Institute, Upper-Austria Energy Agency (ESV), and the European Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ECEEE) – as well as all external Reference Group partners from industry and civil society will take place after the summer.

JOIN US! ...and get regular information and advice from the EEW!

We invite you to join the Energy Efficiency Watch by becoming a partner of the EEW online community if you are an organisation or agency, or a supporting Member of Parliament.

If you are interested, please contact us at eufores@eufores.org!

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