

Central and Eastern European local authorities are acting to take up new challenges and opportunities!

The conference entitled “**Central and Eastern European local authorities are acting to take up new challenges and opportunities**” aims at:

- **Highlighting successful initiatives** contributing to the implementation of the EU energy and climate objectives and **results of 20 years effort to foster sustainable energy policies** in local authorities from Central and Eastern Europe,
- **Identifying challenges and opportunities** the local authorities in the new member states will be facing in next 20 years in order to accelerate the rhythm of action, incl. the implementation of the Covenant of Mayors,
- **Providing exceptional networking opportunities** for the representatives of local authorities, energy agencies, associations and organisations, institutions, decision makers and businesses active in the field of sustainable energy active in these countries.

During the event, **the 2nd European MODEL Award** will be handed over to the city that will achieve the best results in the fields of setting up energy management unit within its administration, development and implementation of ambitious Municipal Energy Programmes as well as organisation and quality of Municipal Intelligent Energy Days.

The event is organised under the patronage of Mr. Jerzy Buzek, President of the European Parliament and MEP from Silesia Region in Poland.

PROGRAM

<p>Being curious and provocative, Hughes Belin, well-known journalist, will get out of his guests the answers on all his and, especially, your questions.</p> 	
<p>14:30-14:35</p>	<p>Welcome by Gérard Magnin, Executive Director, Energie-Cités</p>
<p>14:35-15:05</p> 	<p>Picking the fruits of 20 years of effort to foster sustainable energy policies</p> <p><i>All of the guests represent city networks and organisations that have been promoting local sustainable energy policies in the new member states for nearly 20 years. Let’s listen to their stories and memories that will bring you 20 years back and show you how the situation has changed during all those years.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zdravko Genchev, EcoEnergy, Bulgaria • Maria Stankiewicz, Polish Network Energie-Cités, Poland • Camelia Rata, Orase Energie Romania, Romania • Feliksas Zinevicius, Kaunas Regional Energy Agency, Lithuania

	<p><i>With the participation of :</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G�rard Magnin, Executive Director, Energie-Cit�s, Europe • Roman Doubrava, European Commission, DG Energy
<p>15:05-15:35</p> 	<p>Highlighting successful initiatives the cities and their partners are the most proud of</p> <p><i>Let's get the show started! Only few sentences and garrulous pictures are needed to show you the most impressive initiatives realised in the cities from their countries.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representatives of networks and organisations from Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovenia...
<p>15:35-15:45</p> 	<p>Covenant of Mayors heading East</p> <p><i>They are already engaged and fully dedicated to the Covenant of Mayors initiative. Now, they are mobilizing more and more cities to join.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zbigniew Michniowski, Deputy-Mayor of Bielsko-Biala, President of Polish Network Energie-Cit�s, Vice-President of Energie-Cit�s <p>With the participation of cities and supporting structures from new member states that signed up to the Covenant of Mayors</p>
<p>15:45-16:15</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>
<p>16:15-18:00</p> 	<p>Our guests' viewpoints: The challenges and opportunities the local authorities will be facing in next 20 years</p> <p><i>All guests are experts in various domains linked to sustainable energy policies in the new member states. What are, in their opinion, the main challenges and opportunities the local authorities will face in next 20 years if they want to overcome difficulties in this field?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ondrej Pasek, Project Coordinator, CEE Bankwatch, Friends of the Earth Europe • Julien Dijol, Policy Coordinator, Cecodhas • Marcel Lauko, Energy Centre Bratislava/CITENERGO, Slovakia • Ada �mon, Energia Klub, Hungary • Sabine Froning, Euroheat and Power • Tamas Vamos, GE Lighting • Serhiy Kiral, City of Lviv/Energy Efficiency Cities of Ukraine

	<p><i>What would be the response of the European and national institutions on the challenges identified?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roman Doubrava, European Commission, DG Energy • Corinne Hermant, European Commission, DG REGIO • Simone Rave, European Commission, EuropeAid <p>Open discussion with audience and speakers</p> <p>Concluding remarks: What will the future bring?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gérard Magnin, Energie-Cités, Europe • Zdravko Genchev, EcoEnergy, Bulgaria
<p>18:00-18:20</p> 	<p>2nd MODEL Award Ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dobrin Savchev, President of the MODEL Jury, Deputy Mayor of the City of Gabrovo, Bulgaria • Christophe Fréring, Energie-Cités, Europe • Jana Cicmanova, Energie-Cités, Europe
<p>18:20-19:30</p> 	<p>Cocktail reception at the occasion of the 2nd MODEL Award Ceremony</p>

Practical Issues

Date/Time	24 March 2010 / 14:30 - 18:30
Location	Room S4, Charlemagne building, Rue de la Loi 170, 1040 Brussels
Registration	European Sustainable Energy Week 2010 official website http://www.eusew.eu/page.cfm?page=event_content&sby=3&sval=0&sd=40259&id=383