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'The State of Renewable Energies in Europe' released by the EurObserv'ER consortium

Although the 2010 targets are very likely not to be met, current trends allow to be optimistic regarding the future of renewable energy sources in the European Union (EU). EurObserv'ER indicates that for the year 2007 the renewable energy share in total primary energy consumption has gained 0.4 percentage point with respect to 2006 (from 7.1% to 7.5%) and the renewable energy share in total electricity consumption has increased 0.6 percentage point (from 14.3% in 2006 to 14.9% in 2007) (see pages 78 - 85 in the publication).

'The State of Renewable Energies in Europe' is a synthesis of the technology Barometers published during 2008 (with data up to and including 2007), in which a statistical update has taken place for some technologies. The publication gives detailed capacity and energy performance data for all 27 Member States of the European Union (for wind power, photovoltaics, solar thermal and solar thermal electricity, small hydropower, geothermal energy, biogas, municipal solid waste, solid biomass and ocean energy) (pages 8 - 85).

The publication discusses as well the target for renewable energy in the EU for the year 2020: 20% of final energy consumption, and presents a breakdown per Member State (pages 86 - 89).

Topics in 'The State of Renewable Energies in Europe'

New in 'The State of Renewable Energies in Europe' is a chapter on socio-economic indicators (employment, turnover) for most technologies in a selection of Member States (pages 90 - 113). The publication concludes with seven country case studies, where specific regions are particularly strong in renewable energy industry: this regards regions in Germany, France, Austria, Poland, Spain, the Netherlands and Slovenia (pages 114-139).

About the EurObserv'ER Barometer

The EurObserv'ER barometer regularly provides publications of indicators reflecting the current dynamics in renewable energies (solar, wind, hydropower, geothermal and biomass) worldwide and within the European Union. In 'The State of Renewable Energies in Europe' two additional technologies have been assessed: solar thermal electricity and ocean energy.

In the consortium name, 'ER' stands for renewable energy in French: *énergies renouvelables*. In February 2009 the next EurObserv'ER Barometer is expected, focusing on wind power.

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