



# Press release

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## **EurObserv'ER consortium releases Solid Biomass Barometer**

*In the year 2007 the primary energy production from solid biomass has remained relatively stable in the 27 Member States of the European Union. EurObserv'ER has released its first estimates which point to a total annual energy production of approximately 66.4 Mtoe\* in EU-27.*

In the year 2006 the primary energy production from solid biomass was 65.7 Mtoe, resulting in a growth in production over the year 2007 of 1%. The winter of 2007 has been relatively warm in Europe, thus lowering the heating requirements. Solid biomass, among others used in district heating systems and domestic wood heating appliances, thus has grown less in 2007 than during the years before.

All countries of the European Union (except Malta) make use of solid biomass for energy purposes. The five leading producer countries (France, Sweden, Germany, Finland and Poland) represent 58% of primary energy production coming from solid biomass. However, ranked at a per capita base, it appears that Finland, Sweden, Latvia, Estonia and Austria are the top-5 countries relying to a large extent on solid biomass (ranging from 1.4 to 0.4 toe/inhabitant).



\* Mtoe is million tons of oil equivalent

## Topics in the newly released Barometer

Besides the 2007 realisations *per EU Member State* other subjects that are discussed in the Solid Biomass Barometer are:

- Renewable energy policies
- Selected country reviews
- Industry overview
- Projection to the year 2010

## 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 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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<http://www.eurobserv-er.org/downloads.asp>

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