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

EurObserv'ER estimates that for the year 2008 the renewable energy share in total primary energy consumption has gained 0.5 percentage point with respect to 2007 (from 7.7% to 8.2%) and the renewable energy share in total electricity consumption has increased 1.1 percentage point (from 15.3% in 2007 to 16.4% in 2008). (See pages 88 - 95 in the publication.)

'The State of Renewable Energies in Europe' is a synthesis of the technology Barometers published during 2009 (with data up to and including 2008), 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 energy and solar thermal electricity, small hydropower, geothermal energy, ground source heat pumps, biogas, biofuels, municipal solid waste, solid biomass and ocean energy). (Pages 10 - 87)

Other topics in 'The State of Renewable Energies in Europe'

Included as well 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 96 - 135). The publication concludes with seven country case studies, where specific regions are particularly strong in renewable energy industry: this regards regions in Italy, Luxembourg, Denmark, the United Kingdom, Finland, Sweden and Slovakia (pages 136-163).

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.

Later in February 2010 the next EurObserv'ER Barometer is expected, focusing on wind power.

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