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EurObserv'ER barometer on solid biomass available: clear signs that growth of primary energy production quickens pace over 2010

Key data for the year 2010 for the European Union (EU-27):

- Primary energy production from solid biomass: 79,3 Mtoe (73.4 Mtoe en 2009, +8 %)
- Heat consumption from solid biomass 66 Mtoe (59,9 Mtoe en 2009, +10.1 %)
- Electricity produced from solid biomass: 67,0 TWh (61,9 en 2009, +8,3%)
- Per capita primary energy production from solid biomass : Finland, Sweden and Latvia top-three countries

The European Union Member States' political resolve to develop the energy potential of solid biomass has started to pay off, as in 2010 there were clear signs that growth of primary energy production had quickened pace. The output figure rose to 79.2 Megaton oil equivalent (Mtoe) in 2010, which is 7.8% up on 2009 and deserves comparison with the previous year's 4% rise (from 70.6 Mtoe in 2008). The trend, which was driven deeper by Europe's particularly cold winter of 2009-2010, demonstrates that the economic downturn failed to scuttle the Member States' efforts to structure the solid biomass sector.

Besides the 2010 realisations *per EU Member State* other subjects that are discussed in the new barometer are:

- Renewable energy policies
- Industry overview
- Comparison with National Renewable Energy Action Plans

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See also the EurObserv'ER policy files at www.eurobserv-er.org/policy.asp with renewable energy policies in all 27 EU Member States for all technologies

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