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Wind energy experts and policy makers meet to bring sustainable responses to energy markets across Europe

2004 EWEC Conference programme available now

Brussels, 2nd September 2004 — The 2004 European Wind Energy Conference & Exhibition (2004 EWEC) will be held in London, UK, 22-25th November 2004. The event will bring together a network of international wind energy experts from each and every sector of the wind industry. Such experts combined with leading policy makers will help bring sustainable responses to energy markets across Europe.

UK Secretary of State at the Department of Trade and Industry Patricia Hewitt will open the conference. Senior politicians and representatives from international institutions and national governments will also speak at this leading wind event:

- Margareta Wolf, Parliamentary State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Environment, Nature Protection and Nuclear Safety, Germany
- Jacek Piechota, Secretary of State, Ministry for the Economy, Labour and Social Policy, Poland
- Stephen Timms, Energy Minister, UK
- Mechtild Rothe, German MEP, European Parliament
- Sir David King, Senior Scientific Advisor to HM Government, UK

“2004 EWEC will discuss key issues for European and global wind markets, in technical and business areas, from resource assessment and innovative turbine design to market and policy developments, drawing on leading experience from all over Europe”, said Antoni Martinez, Conference Chairman. *“Participants at the 2004 EWEC will have the opportunity to meet with experts and decision makers, see all the latest products and services, listen to and debate the most important issues, and network. Attending 2004 EWEC will equip any visitor with the tools, information and contacts necessary to play an effective role in the wind energy sector.”*

Key issues discussed at the conference will be:

- New market opportunities and corporate strategies
- Financial solutions and models
- Changing role of regulators in the liberalised market
- Latest technology and trends
- Policy and regulatory frameworks from across the EU and beyond
- Successful projects, case studies and strategies

“This is a great opportunity to showcase the UK’s advances in renewable energy. Following our recent announcement of the next phase of offshore wind power expansion, the UK is rapidly developing a dynamic wind energy market. Wind power is vital in our long-term energy policy set out in the recent White Paper. Wind will be the major factor in helping us to reach our target of generating 10% of our electricity from renewable sources by 2010 and a significant factor in reducing our carbon dioxide emissions by 60% by 2050”, said Stephen Timms, UK Energy Minister.

“Some 6GW of wind capacity, equivalent to £6 billion of investment, is predicted to be built in the UK by 2010. We’ve got the best wind resource in Europe and the arrival of EWEC is a major indicator that this will be a critical new market for Europe”, said Marcus Rand, CEO, British Wind Energy Association.

Notes

(1) 180 speakers will present in 40 separate business, technical and workshop sessions and over 230 companies have already booked exhibition space. There will also be over 320 visual presentations and 8 parallel workshops from the world’s leading experts.

The full programme is published at EWEA’s website:
www.ewea.org/06b_events/events_2004EWEC.htm

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