



## **AER Conference on 'Together for a more sustainable future: Regions' alliance towards a more rational use of energy'**

**Montpellier, Languedoc-Roussillon, 7 December 2007**

*This Conference is organised in the framework of Energaïa, the International Fair for Energy, at the kind invitation of the Languedoc-Roussillon Region.*

### **Draft programme**

*Please note that this programme is still submitted to changes !*

**09.00**

#### **Opening of the Conference by:**

- George Frêche, President of Languedoc-Roussillon (F)
- Riccardo Illy, President of Friuli Venezia Giulia (I) and President of the Assembly of European Regions

**10.00**

**Consuming less and better: What do we understand by energy efficiency and rational use of energy?** Intervention by Jorgen Henningsen, European Policy Centre, energy task force

*10.30 Break*

**11.00**

#### **The current European framework in the field of energy efficiency: Interactive round table**

##### Participants:

Alfonso González Finat, European Commission, Directorate-General Energy and Transport – Directorate D - New and Renewable Sources of energy, Energy Efficiency & innovation Unit (tbc)

Roger Léron, Vice-President of FEDARENE (European Federation of Regional Energy and Environment Agencies)

Riccardo Illy, AER President and President of Friuli Venezia Giulia

George Frêche, President of Languedoc-Roussillon (F)

Kenneth Backgaard, Member of the Council Board, Norrbotten (S)

Serge Switten, Directeur à la Division de l'énergie du Ministère de la Région Wallonne (B)

Arne Ören, Chairman of the board, Baltic Sea States Subregional Co-operation (BSSSC)

Moderator: *Christiane Egger, Deputy manager, Regional Energy Agency, Upper Austria (A)*

*12.30 Lunch break*

**13.45**

#### **From the theory to the practice...**

#### **Presentations of best practices coming from the Regions for more energy efficiency**

Introduction by the moderator

14.00- 14.45

**Financing energy efficiency at regional level**

- 'Energy climate investment funds for SMEs and local authorities', by Pierre Sachsé, Directeur de l'Environnement de la Région Picardie (F)
- Energy efficiency funds, a German representative (name tbc)

*Questions and answers session*

14.45- 15.30

**Increasing the energy performance in public buildings**

- Energy efficiency in buildings, the strategy of Wallonia, by Monique Glineur, Wallonie Region - DGTRE - Division of Energy (B)
- The situation in Upper Austria, intervention by Christiane Egger, Deputy manager, Regional Energy Agency, Upper Austria (A)

*Questions and answers session*

15.30 – 16.15

**Energy efficiency in transport and mobility**

- The case of Midi-Pyrénées, intervention by Monique Sirven, technical adviser, Regional Agency for the Environment (ARPE), Midi-Pyrénées (F)

*Questions and answers session*

16.15 – 17.00

**Energy efficiency in services - Raising awareness among citizens**

- 'Energy factor 2 – Climate investments in Västernorrland', Intervention by Benny Eriksson, Västernorrland (S)
- Educating citizens to energy efficiency, intervention by Maria Fabianelli, ARE della Liguria (I)

*Questions and answers session*

**17.00**

**The Regions, leading actors for more energy efficiency**

Update on the Declaration of European Regions in favour of renewable energy sources and energy efficiency, by Jean-Louis Joseph, President of FEDARENE  
New official ceremony of signature

**17.30**

End of the Conference

*10 October 2007*

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