"Local and regional action for sustainable energy"

Wednesday 13 April 2011, Brussels, Charlemagne, A. de Gasperi Room S3

Morning Session: ManagEnergy Annual Conference

Moderator: Mr William Gillett, Head of Unit Renewable Energy, EACI

09:00 – 09:55 **Keynote speeches:**
Energy policy addressing cities and regions
Ms Marie Donnelly, European Commission, DG ENER, Director
Regional policy's dimension in promoting sustainability
Mr Rudolf Niessler, European Commission, DG REGIO, Director
ICT helping to increase energy efficiency
Mr Paul Timmers, European Commission, DG INFSO, Director

09:55 – 10:20 **Sustainable energy action of local authorities**
Mr Martin Powell, Director for Environment, City of London
Mr Leszek Drogosz, Director of the City Infrastructure Department, City of Warsaw

10:20 – 10:45 **Emerging EU policy initiatives in support of local and regional authorities**
Smart Cities, Mr Christof Schoser, European Commission, DG ENER
Covenant of Mayors, Mr Pedro Ballesteros, European Commission, DG ENER

10:45 – 11:15 **Coffee Break**

11:15 – 11:25 **ManagEnergy - support for local and regional energy action**
Ms Zoé Wildiers, Executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation (EACI)

11:25 – 11:50 **Working together for local energy actions (1)**
Mr Manuel Cabral, Director of the Presidency, City of Porto
Mr Eduardo de Oliveira Fernandes, President, Porto Energy Agency

11:50 – 12:15 **Working together for local energy actions (2)**
Mr Carl-Olof Bengtsson, former Mayor of Växjö, vice Chairman of the VEAB
Mr Hans Gulliksson, Energikontor Sydost (South East Sweden Energy Agency)

12:15 – 12:30 **Questions and Answers**

12:30 – 12:35 **Keynote speech**
Ms Mercedes Bresso, President of the Committee of the Regions

12:35 – 12:50 **ManagEnergy Award ceremony** (two awards)
Awards presented by Mr Günther Oettinger, European Commissioner for Energy and by Ms Mercedes Bresso, President of the Committee of the Regions

12:50 – 12:55 **Closing remarks**
Mr Günther Oettinger, European Commissioner for Energy

12:55 – 13:00 **Conclusions**

Afternoon Session: Covenant of Mayors

Covenant of Mayors, Smart Cities and ICT for Energy Efficiency

14:30 – 14:40	**From political commitment to implementation**, City of Riga (LV)
14:40 – 14:50	**Development of sustainable energy action plan and baseline emission inventory**, City of Nitra (SK) (tbc)
14:50 – 15:00	**ICT for energy efficiency as a part of local energy policy**, City of Bristol (UK) (tbc)
15:00 – 15:10	**Involvement of the region in implementing energy efficiency measures**, Region of Abruzzo (IT) (tbc)
15:10 – 15:20	**From smart districts to smart cities: lessons learned from the CONCERTO projects**, Dr. Petra Puechner, Steinbeis-Europa-Zentrum (DE)
15:20 – 15:30	**The contribution of ICTs to energy efficiency: local and regional initiatives**, Ms Colette Maloney, European Commission, DG INFSO
15:30 – 15:45	**Discussion**
15:45 – 16:15	**Coffee break**

Financing of sustainable energy investments in cities and regions

Cohesion policy fund

16: 15 – 16:25	**Cohesion policy promoting sustainability**, Ms Maud Skäringer, DG REGIO
	Practical examples:
16:25 – 16:35	1. **"Bioenergy for the Region" cluster: Renewable energy strategies in cities of the Lodz region**, Ms Ewa Kochanska, Pro-akademia (PL)
16:35 – 16:45	2. **Revolving fund for energy efficiency in housing**, Ms Mirja Adler, KredEx (ET)
16:45 – 16:55	3. **Energy efficiency and renewable energy in social housing**, Ms Carine Puyol, L'Union social pour l'habitat (FR)
16:55 – 17:05	**Covenant of Mayors Sustainable Energy Action Plans translated into action with Cohesion Policy funds**, Speaker from Spain (tbc)

ELENA facility

17:05 – 17:15	**Results and development of ELENA facility**, Mr Roman Doubrava, DG ENER
17:15 – 17:40	Practical examples: **Two examples of ELENA operation**, London (UK), Vila Nova de Gaia (PT) (tbc)
17:40 – 18:05	*New European Energy Efficiency Facility*
17:40 – 17:45	Introductory remarks, Mr Karl Kellner, European Commission, DG ENER
17:45 - 18:05	The European Energy Efficiency Facility, Mr Michael Schneider, EEE-F representative
18:05 – 18:30	**Discussion**