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EUROPEAN ISLANDS ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT NETWORK

ISLENET is a network of European Island Authorities which promotes sustainable and efficient energy and environmental management. It actively promotes the adoption of local energy management strategies, renewable energy projects and environmental policies. The reformed Structural Funds, as provided in Agenda 2000, and highlighting the energy dimension, is another scope of action. These policies have an important effect on local economic development and involve a well balanced approach to sustainable development.

ISLENET is an initiative of the Islands Commission of the CPMR (Conference of Peripheral and Maritime Regions) and is supported by the EU Institutions. It has been created at 1992 with ten island members initially, which adhered to Energy and Environment Charter at the meeting of Isle of Wight on 1993. Now counts for more than 30 island-members. It has a close working relationship with Directorate General of Energy, of the European Commission and with FEDARENE and ENERGIE CITES two other networks promoting energy and environmental management at a local level.

The formation of the Islenet network with the support of the Islands Commission of the CPMR and the Western Isles Council, has been a major help towards developing an island forum. A Political Bureau takes decisions on ISLENET strategy. This Bureau consists of Islands Commission of CRPM and Regional Council of Western Isles who hosts the network. Island Regions suffer from structural handicaps linked to their island status, the permanence of which impairs their economic and social development. A maximum benefit can therefore be expected for the island citizen from development of Union Policy. It is worth noting that membership is not restricted to European Union islands only, and indeed, other island regions have taken part in activities. ? ISLENET helps members set up energy and environmental projects thanks to its knowledge of national and EC programmes and through an extensive partenariat and pooling of knowledge developed between island authorities. The creation, for example of local and regional energy agencies has had an important effect on the development of energy management projects in islands. More than 20 agencies already exist, 15 of which were created within the framework of EC programmes (SAVE II) and with the help of ISLENET.

? Circulate information on a wide range of issues concerning energy and the environment by regular E-mail bulletins, via ISLENET meetings and exchanges of personnel. Information includes legislation (energy, environment) regional policy, transport, SMEs) and calls for proposals, publications, conferences, Research and Development Projects and best practice technology. Information is circulated not only to inform but also to avoid duplication of effort.

? ISLENET acts, where appropriate, as a channel of communication between Island Authorities and the Institutions and Member States of the European Union on matters concerning EU energy and environmental policy. Position papers and reports are proposed to European Institutions in response to EU legislation. Given the problems resulting from peripherality and insularity, it is important that the islands co-ordinate their actions to create greater awareness of island issues within the European Institutions and have a voice which is clearly heard in the European Union. ? ISLENET is looking to work with all organisations with an interest in developing energy and environmental management in islands. Its intention is to promote a global integrated approach to

island sustainable development. If this is of concern to you, don't hesitate to contact ISLENET at its office in Brussels:

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Hello Vicky

Samso has now addressed papers to the commission, and I hope we are going to be on the list of energi islands.

But I have to ask you for some help.

I am asked to participate in a meeting in the Danish Energy Agency

The title of the meeting is

"SAVE- agencies and lokal actors on energy efficiency"

My part is to say something about ISLENET.

I am short of historical details. I have already talked to Jorgen Jespersen from Bornholm. He is not able to be at the meeting. So please inform me in short terms historically, and about the future plans of ISLENET.

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