



Friday, 23rd of March 2012

e-Reminder n°14: Round table: Promoting cooperation among research-driven clusters in Renewable Energy Islands

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**Canary Islands Government delegation in Brussels
Avenue Livingstone, 21. B-1000 Brussels (Belgium)
29th March 2012, 9:00h – 15:30h**

Sustainable development is an essential target of islands throughout the world. One of the requirements for achieving this goal is the reduction in the use of fossil resources. Islands and peripheral regions have a vital need to guarantee energy supply and develop technologies in order to promote energy efficiency, particularly achieved through the use of renewable energy sources, and to implement a sustainable energy model, compatible with the European energy policy, taking into account experience of existing best practices.

In this context, three island regions - the Canary Islands (Spain), Crete (Greece) and Samsø (Denmark) - have developed, under the FP7-INRES project www.inresproject.eu, a cooperation framework. Each island region participates with a Research Driven Cluster of three partners including the triple-helix concept: business, public authority and research organisations.

Since 2009, INRES island regions have cooperated and learned from each other taking advantage of their capabilities, developing a cross-learning and mentoring method through workshops and study visits and developing a Joint Action Plan.

In this final public event, key actors operating in the renewable energy sector in European islands will have the opportunity to discuss long term visions, concrete trans-regional strategies and RTD policies to be jointly adopted in order to respond to global market challenges with innovative solutions and technologies.

AGENDA

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08.30-09.00: Registration

Opening Session & Welcome Speeches

09:00-09:30: Welcome speech

- Mr. Olivier Brunet, Policy Officer DG Research & Innovation. European Commission
- Dr. Juan Ruiz Alzola, General Director of the ACIISI Canary Islands government
- Mr. Nikolaos Zografakis, Director of the Regional Energy Agency Crete
- Mr. Bernd Garbers, Samsø Energy Academy

INRES project, sharing regions experiences

09:30-10:00: Regions of knowledge context: Smart specialization strategies (Mr. Olivier Brunet, European Commission)

10:00-10:30: INRES context and JAP (Ms. Lucía Dobarro, Instituto Tecnológico de Canarias)

10:30-11:00: Networking coffee - break

Best practices in Business - Research cooperation

11:00-11:30: Canarian best practice: Presentation of R&D activities in renewable energies (Penélope Ramírez, Instituto Tecnológico de Canarias & Julián Monedero, Dobon's Technology)

11:30-12:00: Crete best practice: Presentation of R&D activities in renewable energies (Prof. Athanassios Coutsolelos, Dept. of Chemistry, Univ. of Crete & Prof. Dimitris Christakis, Technological Educational Institute of Crete)

12:00-12:30: Samsø best practice: Presentation of R&D activities in renewable energies (Ole Herminsenn, Brdr. Stjerne K.S.)

12:30-13:30: Lunch

Round table: Promote cooperation among research-driven-clusters in Renewable Energy Islands

13:30-15:30: Policies / Business / R&D + Open discussion

- Nicolas Ferellec, ISLENET
- Agustín González, RICAM Canary Island Energy Cluster
- Michael Agriogiannos, Cretean Energy Cluster
- Jan Janzen, Samsø Energy Agency
- Antje Klaesener, Innova S.p.A

15:30: Closure of the event

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