

## EVENT DESCRIPTION

### RES-e Regions

**Title:** International Conference "Green Electricity for Europe's Regions

**Date & location:** 3 March 2006, Wels/Upper Austria

**Organiser:** O.Ö. Energiesparverband

**Number of Participants:** 435



#### **Short description:**

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#### **Background:**

The conference "Green electricity for Europe's regions" on 3 March was held in the framework of the annual conference "WORLD SUSTAINABLE ENERGY DAYS 2006" from 1-3 March 2006 in Wels/Upper Austria, which was very successful with more than 930 participants from 56 countries of which 435 participated in the conference "Green electricity for Europe's regions"!

#### **Aim & programme:**

Regional and local action is essential to achieve the European targets in the field of renewable electricity production and use: not only are many initiatives for new green electricity installations started on local level but also some of the main obstacles can only be overcome regionally and locally. The conference discussed how to increase the market development of electricity from renewables and how local governments take an active role and benefit from the positive economic development.

The conference "Green electricity for Europe's regions" was started by a presentation about the EU potential for electricity from renewables to 2020. Rafael Delgado Nuñez presented the successful green electricity strategy of Castilla y León and Kent Ögren from Sweden green electricity in Norrbotten. An overview of sustainable wind energy development in Wales was given by Andy Bull from the Powys County Council. Dagnija Blumberga highlighted green electricity for the Baltic States. Green electricity in Upper Austria was presented by Gerhard Dell.

Green electricity perspectives were presented by Reinhard Haas ("Promotion instruments for electricity from RE"), Dörte Fouquet ("Green electricity for Europe – desire and reality") and J. Nandakumar ("Transition to renewable energy supply in India and China – a strategic necessity?").

Afterwards, technology solutions and regional benefits were presented. Rüdiger Wolf discussed a 40 MW solar thermal concentrator and Johnny Hesp gave an overview of labelling biomass fuels. Finally, Martin Schlerka presented innovative biogas plants in Upper Austria.

A highlight of this conference day was the signing of the declaration "European Regions for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Sources". This declaration was signed by representatives from the Region of Upper Austria (Austria), the Country Council Norrbotten (Sweden), the Region of Castilla y León (Spain), the Province of Milano (Italy), the Regional Council of Central Finland (Finland), the Province of Chieti (Italy), the Region of Navarra (Spain) and the Region of Valencia (Spain).



**Results, follow-up:**

The conference met with very high interest and was attended by 435 participants from all over Europe. Especially the commitment shown by the 8 regions signing the Declaration, is an encouraging sign to trigger regional sustainable development.

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