



**"3rd Delphi Symposium on Renewable Energy Sources", May 7- 8, 2010 –
Delphi, European Cultural Centre of Delphi, Greece**

The extended use of Renewable Energy Sources (RES) could cover vital and ever-increasing needs for power generation, energy needs for buildings and green fuels for transport in Greece but also in the SE Europe area. Greece's RES potential is very high, in both absolute and comparable terms with other EU countries, and constitutes a challenge as regards its exploitation with new technology applications which can ensure sustained development while at the same time help reduce the country's dependence on oil.

The objective of the 1st Delphi Symposium in 2005 was that of defining national goals for 2010 for each and every form and use of RES so that Greece might meet its obligations towards the EU. The 2nd Symposium organized in September 2007 focused on evaluating the prevailing situation regarding RES following the then new legal framework (Law 3468/06) and the problems encountered in its application, particularly those related to land-use planning. The 2nd Symposium's conclusions and recommendations are available in a booklet, and also through IENE's website.

Based on the 2nd RES Symposium's conclusions, there is an underlying assessment whereby Greece lags far behind in the exploitation of RES with low rates of applications and limited market penetration compared to other Mediterranean or EU member countries. The lack of clear vision, a comprehensive strategy and specific goals, compounded with the absence of a strong political will, constitute the main problem that hinders the better and faster development of RES in Greece.

The aim of the 3rd Delphi Symposium, which is a residential meeting, is to analyze the situation in terms of applications and market development following the introduction of the new legal and administrative framework which the government is pursuing and the problems regarding the location of RES installations in terms of land use. The Symposium will also discuss the experiences resulting from the application of the existing legal framework and possible new problems that may ensue from the introduction of the new RES Law (April 2010) but also to elaborate proposals for the most efficient and rapid development of RES in Greece.

The dissemination of RES applications throughout the country, with particular emphasis on the islands and the engagement of small- and medium-sized firms as well as consumers towards exploiting them, contribute to regional development and this forms another major national goal. The exploitation of RES with the largest possible penetration will inevitably lead to society's greater awareness regarding energy use and savings and the protection of the environment. Education in schools and necessary actions for applied research in the regions concerned will further contribute to the long-term and efficient exploitation/development of RES in Greece entailing a maximization of social benefits.

The Delphi Symposium will host a small number of RES specialists, invited to participate by IENE. Its objective is to discuss openly RES issues and their complexities, exchange viewpoints and experiences within and outside the country and formulate proposals towards the further development of RES in Greece with a vision and a well defined strategy. Usually, the number of participants in this meeting varies between 25 and 35 people, a number which, at the very utmost, may reach 40 on condition that the necessary funding can be ensured. Invited delegates are IENE's guests, with the Institute covering the expenses of one overnight stay at the Delphi European Centre, as well as dinner and luncheons. The Meeting comprises an obligatory one night stay, so as to ensure the necessary cohesion and interaction needed for a think-tank style closed meeting such as the Delphi Symposium.

Upon the Symposium's completion, IENE will proceed with the necessary synthetic work and the formulation of the conclusions and recommendations supported by the necessary documentation. The Symposium's report will be initially submitted to the Hellenic Ministry of Environment, Energy & Climate Change, as well as to other competent ministries and authorities (i.e. the Energy Regulatory Authority, HTSO, PPC, a.o.) while also as being made public through IENE'S web site in order to contribute towards broader public awareness.

A limited number of places is available for IENE and non-IENE members who simply wish to attend the Symposium. However, there will be a small charge to cover expenses while each delegate will have to take care of his/ her own overnight accommodation in Delphi. All delegates are requested to complete the attached registration form and send it to IENE's offices.

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