



Bulgaria's Green Energy Challenge

The fast development of Renewable Energy Sources (RES) in Bulgaria over the last five years and consistent efforts by government and NGO's alike to further raise public awareness on the need for energy efficiency and the introduction of RES at all levels, will be highlighted at a special workshop convened by IENE in Sofia. The workshop is being organized by IENE in cooperation with the Bulgarian Photovoltaic Association, the Bulgarian Wind Energy Association, the Association of Producers of Ecological Energy, the Bulgarian Green Building Council and the Bulgarian Geothermal Association. This one day intensive workshop will take place in Sofia on October 10th, 2012 at the Sheraton Balkan Hotel, and its scope is to discuss the current situation and assess future RES prospects.

The need to meet the European targets of 20-20-20, the new developments following latest significant cuts to feed-in tariffs by the Bulgarian government for wind and solar PV, the lack of sufficient grid connections for large-scale renewable projects, as well as the country's long-term commitment to achieve greater energy independence, are some important issues that will be discussed during the workshop. Also, the new Green industry in the building sector as well as the promotion of energy efficiency policies and Bulgaria's aspiration to meet demands for new installations both at industrial and domestic level, will be discussed at length in the Workshop.

This IENE workshop will focus on latest research and market developments in the Bulgarian renewable energy and energy efficiency sector. Key energy policy issues will also be addressed and solutions will be sought in order to reduce administrative, financial and other non-technical barriers hindering investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency. The workshop will include contributions from senior EC and Bulgarian government officials, individual energy experts, company executives and representatives from solar, biomass, wind, geothermal and energy efficiency associations. The workshop topics will cover a wide range of RES applications including wind, solar, (PV and thermal) and geothermal energy, biofuels, small hydro, co-generation as well as energy efficiency.

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