



European Policy Update

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A Welcome from the President

Welcome to this first 2010 edition of Micropower Europe's European Policy Update; an essential information tool for anyone interested in a mass market for microgeneration. This Update provides analysis of EU policy, politics and news highlights direct from Micropower Europe.

At the occasion of this launch, I'd like to welcome Micropower Europe's new member BDR Thermea, and invite you to our annual Policy Conference in March - "Mass Market Microgeneration: From Vision to Reality".

With my best wishes for successful business in 2010,

Charles Bradshaw-Smith, President of Micropower Europe



New Member BDR Thermea



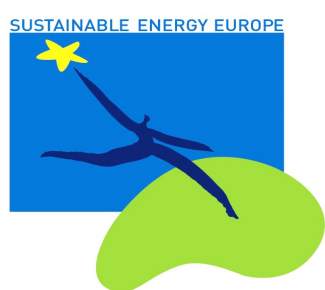
BDR Thermea, the new company incorporating De Dietrich Remeha Group and Baxi Group, has joined Micropower Europe. BDR Thermea focuses on customer needs regarding innovative climate and hot water solutions and services.

New Secretary General Alexandre Delacoux



Alexandre joins Micropower Europe as an experienced regulatory and public affairs Director with extensive experience of consultancy and management in the fields of chemistry, biotechnology, life sciences and sustainability.

MPE Official Partner of Sustainable Energy Europe



The European Commission has welcomed Micropower Europe as an Official Partner of its Sustainable Energy Europe Campaign.

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EU Policy Update

Günther Oettinger to tighten Europe's energy laws

New Energy Commissioner Oettinger has made clear that conventional energy will no longer enjoy the same incentives as funds are redirected to energy efficiency and renewables. Speaking at his hearing in the European Parliament attended by Micropower Europe, Oettinger recognized the gap in budget allocation for energy efficiency in the built environment and offered to reset priorities prior to the next budgetary allocations. Read more [here](#).

Spanish Presidency presses for new Energy Action Plan

Decarbonisation of the energy sector, research and technology transfer, and promotion of energy efficiency and interconnectors form the cornerstone of the energy priorities. The Presidency will solidify these in pressing for a 2010-2014 Action Plan For Europe to promote the integration of the energy market, to be adopted at the Spring European Council. Read more [here](#).

Copenhagen - Cancún deal critical for Microgeneration

Europe yesterday reiterated its commitment to reduce emissions by 30% if other industrialized and developing countries contribute with comparable reductions according to their responsibility and capability. A global agreement in Mexico this December is expected to cause a significant increase in uptake of microgeneration, as regulatory certainty drives investment in smart metre roll out and other complimentary technologies. Read more [here](#).

MPE Strategy Groups Update

Built Environment

- EPBD Political Agreement: Micropower Europe wins campaign on Article 13.4 Inspection of Heating Systems to allow Member States to offer inspections or equivalent measures on a permanent basis.
- Micropower Europe finds support from energy expert Maria Da Graça Carvalho MEP on the importance of refurbishing the EUs existing building stock.

Support Schemes

- Reduced Rate VAT for microgeneration: Now available in all Member States on a permanent basis. Micropower Europe celebrates success and launches awareness raising campaign.
- Micropower Europe campaigns to have EU Installer Standards for small-scale wind and micro-combined heat and power (currently excluded in the Renewable Energy Directive).

Microgeneration Strategy

- Micropower Europe prepares to launch the 2010 Vision Paper titled 'Mass Market Microgeneration: Vision to Reality' at EU Sustainable Energy Week.
- To ensure you receive a free copy and to attend the policy conference [click here](#).

Upcoming Events for Your Diary



*** Save the Date ***

Micropower Europe's Policy Conference co-hosted by Fiona Hall MEP and Judith Merkies MEP, European Parliament Brussels.

Mass Market Microgeneration - From Vision to Reality, 23 March 2010, 9:30 - 13:00

At Micropower Europe's 2009 event 'Citizen's Generate Energy', EU Energy Commissioner Andris Piebalgs announced that microgeneration would play a key role in the EU's future energy mix. With another line up of prominent speakers, this conference is an excellent opportunity to discuss the shaping of future policy for microgeneration with key policy makers including senior MEPs, Commission officials, key NGOs and the policy and financial communities. This is a must for anyone serious about sustainable energy in the built environment.

Early registration recommended. [Click here to register](#) (limited places available).

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Smart Cities Conference, Charlemagne Brussels.

Making Cities Smarter and Future-Proof, 24 March 2010, 14:30

A first panel will look at a number of case studies around the measurement, visibility and comparability of emission and energy data, with specific attention to the potential of smart grids and smart metres. The second part of the session will open up debate and discuss approaches for a sustained change in business and citizen behaviour and the necessary co-operation models between public and private stakeholders to create a truly "smart" city..

Early registration recommended. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Smart cities need smart consumers: Changing energy efficiency and consumer behaviour in the home, Borschette Brussels, 25 March 2010, 9:30

Early registration recommended. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Marketing of Distributed Generation (DG) in Urban Areas, EREC, Borschette Brussels, 25 March 2010, 14:30

Early registration recommended. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

CEE Renewable 2010

30th March 2010, Le Meridien Bristol Hotel, Warsaw, Poland

Investing in Renewables

Micropower Europe providing Market Sector Insight

Small-scale renewables and energy efficiency - Designing the right framework and investing

Central and Eastern Europe Renewables Conference in Warsaw, 20 March 2010, 8:30 - 17:30

For more information [click here](#).

About Micropower Europe

Micropower Europe is a campaign organization promoting policy regulatory changes at EU level to enable the rapid expansion of the European microgeneration sector. Microgeneration is the family of customer facing sustainable energy technologies whose main members are biomass heating systems, heat pumps, micro-combined heat and power, solar photovoltaics, solar thermal, concentrated solar power, and small-scale wind. Microgeneration and energy efficiency are the solution to low or zero carbon energy generated in, on, or next to existing and new buildings. For more information on Micropower Europe [click here](#). The Founding Members organization of Micropower Europe include:



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