



European Policy Update

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Microgeneration to power 'International Music Festival of the Year'

Glastonbury festival, named last week as 'International Music Festival of the Year' at the 21st Annual Pollstar Awards for the fifth consecutive time, is to be the latest adoptee of microgeneration under plans for the site to become the United Kingdom's largest private solar electricity system. Michael Eavis, the founder and organiser of the festival has become the latest high-profile figure to invest in the idea. Eavis announced that 1,100 solar panels would be installed on the rooftops generating enough power for up to 40 homes each day. "This is going to be a fantastic project and we are very excited about starting work on it," Eavis said. Microgeneration will significantly cut the carbon footprint of the United Kingdom's biggest music festival which has been held regularly since 1970. The line up this year will see celebrity bands including U2 take to the stage.



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European Parliament Intergroup prioritizes microgeneration

'Microgeneration' and 'improving energy awareness of consumers' are new priorities for the European Parliament's Subgroup Energy and Industry, as part of the Intergroup on Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development. Revised to suit the 2009 - 2014 Parliamentary term, the Intergroup is a forum to debate and form policies, bringing together MEPs and key stakeholders (NGOs, industry representatives - renowned scientists, experts as well as representatives of the Commission and the Presidency). Micropower Europe, an active stakeholder of the Intergroup, congratulates leader of the Subgroup MEP Vittorio Prodi, for ensuring that energy efficiency and microgeneration are priorities on the European Agenda.

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Commission creates new DG ENER and DG CLIM

The European Commission has created two new Directorates-General: DG Energy (ENER) and DG Climate Action (CLIM). The Energy DG will be lead by British Director-General Philip Lowe and represented by Germany's Commissioner Günther Oettinger. Internally, a number of changes have been made to DG ENER, although the heads in Directorate C (new and renewable sources of energy, energy efficiency and innovation) remain in place. Jos Delbeke, a Belgium national, will lead the Climate Action DG represented by Denmark's Commissioner Connie Hedegaard.

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EU Member States ramp up microgeneration incentives

From 1 May 2010, the Wallonia region of Belgium is adjusting its support schemes to focus on the insulation of buildings, energy audits, technological upgrades and integration of certain microgeneration products, notably heat pumps, micro CHP, biomass boilers, solar heating, and solar photovoltaics. France has introduced new feed-in tariffs for 2010 with higher geothermal, biomass, and building integrated solar photovoltaic (BIPV) tariffs than in 2009. Minister of Energy and the Environment, Jean-Louis Borloo, more than doubled tariffs for biomass to €0.125/kWh and raised the efficiency bonus to €0.05/kWh. Geothermal feed-in tariff is up almost 70% to €0.20/kWh and BIPV feed-in tariff reached a record high of €0.58/kWh. In the United Kingdom, attractive new feed-in tariffs are available to householders installing low carbon and renewable electricity technologies up to 5 MW. Added to this the scheme for renewable heat generation incentives, will come into force in April 2011, and guarantee payments for technologies such as ground source heat pumps, biomass boilers and air source heat pumps.

[Belgium](#) | [France](#) | [United Kingdom](#)

Forty developed country Parties join Copenhagen Climate Accord

Forty developed countries of which 27 are the Members States of the EU, representing almost 90% of emissions from this group, have pledged varying goals for climate change under the deadline set in the Copenhagen Accord. The UN has interpreted the pledges as clear signals of willingness to move negotiations towards a successful conclusion, although they are insufficient to meet the scale of the challenge being faced by humanity. However in a recent resolution adopted during the February Plenary the European Parliament has called for higher targets for the EU, above the 20%, providing increased investment security for renewable energy and energy efficiency. The next round of formal UN climate change negotiations under the UNFCCC is scheduled to take place in April.

[UNFCCC press releases](#)

EU to exceed 2020 20% Renewable Energy target

The EU will meet its 2020 20% renewable energy target, and even slightly exceed it, according to an analysis by the European Wind Energy Association (EWEA) of all 27 Member States' national forecast documents. The EWEA analysis shows that EU member states are on course to achieve over 20% renewable energy by 2020, with 21 Member States meeting or exceeding their national targets. The top 21 are made up of 13 Member States who predict they will meet their target and eight who forecast they will exceed their target.

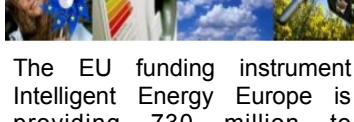
[EWEA press release](#)

New Member EHE



Efficient Home Energy SL (EHE), a joint venture between Whisper Tech Ltd. of New Zealand's Meridian Energy Ltd., and the Mondragón Corporation, has joined Micropower Europe. EHE is based in Spain, and is developing, manufacturing and distributing the WhisperGen® micro-Combined Heat and Power system for the EU market (excluding the UK). EHE is the sole licensee and manufacturer of the WhisperGen® mCHP system.


Intelligent Energy Europe



The EU funding instrument Intelligent Energy Europe is providing 730 million to encourage the uptake of proven intelligent energy solutions. In 2010, 20 million is being made available for renewables in buildings. Micropower Europe's research initiative has attracted interest from over 30 potential partners. The European Commissions programme IEE is expected to publish the next call for proposals in March 2010.

EUFORES elects New Board of Presidents

The new Board of Presidents of EUFORES has been elected in the European Parliament. Claude Turmes (Greens/EFA, LU) was elected President with Fiona Hall (Liberal & Democrats, UK) and Anni Podimata (Socialists & Democrats, EL) were elected as Vice-Presidents. EUFORES is a European parliamentary network with members from all major political groups. Its core objective is the promotion of renewable energy and energy efficiency in Europe. Both Fiona Hall and Claude Turmes will be speaking at Micropower Europe's Microgeneration Policy Conference in March.



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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.

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 [click here](#).

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).

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

Confirmed speakers include: Mr. Claude Turmes, MEP; Mr. Niels Ladefoged, European Commission DG TREN; Mr. Charles Bradshaw-Smith, President of MPE, Head of Innovation E.ON; Mrs. Maria De Graça Carvalho, MEP; Mr. Martin Fahey, MPE Member, Manager of Green Gateway Initiative Mitsubishi; and Mr. John Harris, Chairman European Smart Metering Industry Group, VP & Head of Regulatory Affairs, Landis & Gyr.

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 your free place.](#)

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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

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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 form 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 Members of Micropower Europe include:



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