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The secretariat will be closed from Monday 24th December till Friday 4th January

## GCI-UICP Annual Congress 2012

The Chamber of Installation Specialists in Bulgaria, in partnership with the European Mechanical Contractors' Association (GCI-UICP) has organized and hosted an International Conference RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES & ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN BUILDINGS.

The congress was held end of September 2012 in Musala Hall at the Hilton Hotel in Sofia. The Conference focused on constructing buildings with a very low consumption of energy as a standard throughout Europe – safely, and for all kinds of construction.

Within the framework of the Conference, there was a Round Table on 'Single common strategy, implementation and coordinated policies for the development of energy efficiency and renewable sources of energy, at which leaders of interbranch organizations and industry associations in the field of energy efficiency and RES shared their visions and ideas for the development of this sphere of the economy.

The Conference was patronized by Bulgarian Minister of Economy Mr. Delyan Dobrev.

More: [www.nisbg.org](http://www.nisbg.org)

## Oettinger backs new 2030 targets for CO2, renewable



Günther Oettinger, the EU's Energy Commissioner, greeted the launch of a new coalition promoting renewable and gas power with a call to set fixed emission reductions and clean energy targets for 2030.

"I think we need a new CO2 emissions reduction target," he told a conference in Brussels on 31 October, which marked the launch of a new alliance between companies involved in renewable energies and natural gas production.

The targets, Oettinger said, would be "maybe more than 20% or 30% in 2030."

Nuclear power might be welcome, Oettinger said, "but we need a clear outlook for renewable energy, so more obligations, and maybe more coordinated and harmonized European support schemes, not just 28 different national support schemes."

A separate proposal for increased emission reduction targets may also be included in the EU's Emissions Trading System (ETS) reform proposals in November, drawn up by its climate department, as a jolt to the flat-lining carbon price.



## France turns to renewables in policy shake-up

France's government has started a review of the world's most nuclear-dependent country's energy policy, strongly in support of its small and ailing renewables sector.

Ministers, NGOs, unions, industries, parliamentarians and consumers have converged for a two-day conference in October to agree on how to conduct a six-month national debate that will seek to reshape the way energy is produced, consumed and taxed in France.

Its new Socialist government is expected to announce immediate measures to help the crisis-hit renewable energy sector - which

employs 100,000 people - as part of its battle to tackle soaring unemployment.

"There are businesses which are struggling and we can today save jobs," said a senior official at the energy ministry, who declined to be named. "Our concern is the notion of ecological patriotism, which is to ensure that support to the sector actually translates into jobs in France."

France's renewable energy lobby reckons the sector could generate 225,000 jobs by 2020 with investments totalling 80 billion Euros, provided production targets are met.

## EU considering 2013 benchmark report on smart meters

The European Commission is likely to draw a benchmark report on the costs and benefits of smart meters by mid-2013 and urge member states to inform as soon as possible of their assessments and roll-out plans.

Mid-2013 would be the first fixed date for EU countries to report to the Commission on whether they think smart meters should be deployed in their country. For this, they will have to carry out a cost-benefit analysis showing whether deploying the technology makes sense economically.

This leaves member states less than a year to finish their analyses and leaves the Commission even less time to centralise all the results, examine them and draw up a benchmark report.

Member states had to undertake a national cost-benefit analysis on smart metering technologies by 3 September 2012, as required by the 2009 directives on electricity and gas liberalisation. But there is no assurance that all EU countries have respected this deadline.

More: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:073:0009:0022:EN:PDF>

## New online portal for buildings performance data in Europe

The Buildings Performance Institute Europe (BPIE) has launched its data hub for buildings performance and related policies in Europe. It is a comprehensive open data portal and presents facts and figures collected for 'Europe's Buildings under the Microscope' study released end of 2011. It includes a wide variety of technical data never collected EU-wide before.

The data hub has been created to assist policy makers at EU and Member State level, technical experts, building professionals, researchers, academics, consultants, NGOs and the broader

energy efficiency in buildings community. All users can access country profiles, search specific parameters, generate overviews and graphs as well as screen the underlying data. The tool allows for cross-country comparisons and cost free downloads. Only the access to the original data requires prior registration. Suggestions for data updates and corrections will be possible through online forms.

The BPIE data hub has the ambition to become an in-depth source for anyone interested in energy efficiency in European buildings. The data will be improved on an on-going basis and over time, the hub will get enriched with additional topics and information generated through data exchange projects and research partnerships.

More: [www.buildingsdata.eu](http://www.buildingsdata.eu)

### Fundraising: Connect Money to Your Strategic Plan

Nonprofits simply can no longer create a strategic plan that ignores money.

If fundraising is the biggest challenge of the nonprofit sector, then strategic planning is only second to it. But the crazy thing is, if you connect the two (strategic planning and raising money) you not only will be more financially sustainable, but you will also achieve more social change. Money and strategy should never be separated.

To connect strategy and money, you have to start from, or work toward, a place where three

key things are fully integrated and working together in your nonprofit:

- Your mission
- Your core competencies and
- Your money

That means, that how you bring money in the door works *with*, not against, how you achieve your mission.

The money side of that plan must take a long-term view. It is also necessary to create a smart financial model that adds to, not detracts from, your mission and that builds on the *specific* strengths of your staff, board and operations.

More: <http://www.socialvelocity.net/2012/11/how-to-create-a-nonprofit-financing-not-fundraising-plan/>

### SME: Administrative burden, new consultation

The EU Commission has requested that European SMEs identify the ten most bureaucratic Community legislative acts in terms of administrative procedures.

This consultation is part of the review of the European “Small Business Act” of 2011. In a press release, the Commission points out that “the implementation of the “Think Small First” principle remains the core principle of the EU’s legislation for small businesses”.

GCI-UICP has consulted its members to send their positions.

More: [http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/sme/public-consultation-new/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/sme/public-consultation-new/index_en.htm)

## Events

### Green ICT for Sustainable Consumption

The Institute for the Environment and Regional Development (WU Vienna) in cooperation with the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science & Research organises a conference on sustainable consumption, smart metering, IDT, policies and practices

17 – 18 January 2013  
Palais Harrach, Freyung 3, 1010 Vienna, Austria

More: [http://www.scp-responder.eu/events/kb\\_ict](http://www.scp-responder.eu/events/kb_ict)

### Conference: Smart Grid Standardization achievements

The European Commission is organising a high-level conference entitled "**Smart Grid Standardization Achievements**" with the support of European Standardisation Organisations (CEN, CENELEC and ETSI). The general objective of the conference is to disseminate the achievements of Smart Grids standardisation work and related results on Smart Metering and Charging Electric Vehicles.

28 January 2013, 11.00 am - 5.00 pm.  
Brussels, Belgium

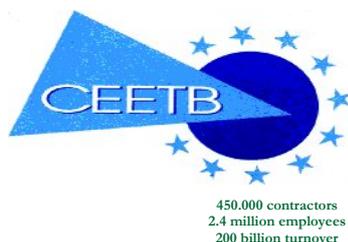
More: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/fmi/scic/SGS13/start.php>

### Nearly Zero Energy Buildings Conference 2013

Criteria for "nearly zero energy buildings" (NZEB)  
Technology trends and financing solutions  
Inspirational case studies

28 February – 01 March 2013  
Wels, Austria

More: [www.wsed.at](http://www.wsed.at)



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