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EDITORIAL

By Franck AL SHAKARCHI, Island-NEWS manager, Réunion Island Regional Energy Agency (ARER)

"Another newsletter..." may be your first reaction. And you would be right: it is another newsletter! I only wish you would not trash it like all the other ones you receive...

Island-NEWS is an inter-island cooperation network for energy self-sufficiency strategies. It was launched after the 2005 Energy Meetings in Réunion Island. All energy experts are invited to participate. Some of you already do. I hope more will join our effort of sharing our knowledge and our experiences.

Island-NEWS letter will give you a glimpse on the latest activities of the network as well as general information on Energy. There will also be a special focus on a 3-monthly topic: the first topic is Energy Atlas and the first focus is Energy profiles. All information is available on the website.

All of you are invited to send reactions, ideas, articles and editorials so that Island-NEWS letter becomes your newsletter!

NEWS

News from the network

This section gives the latest news from the network. For instance, in November 2006:

- Island-NEWS and Rodrigues Regional Assembly are discussing partnership for the definition of a sustainable energy strategy
- The English draft of the Island-NEWS common framework for Energy Profiles is ready
- Island-NEWS will meet ENERCOM (a subsidiary of TOTAL ENERGIE in Comoros) about Geothermal power
- Franck AL SHAKARCHI meets Jean Pascal SCHAEFER, Manager BP Solar Réunion Island & Indian Ocean
- The French draft of the Island-NEWS common framework for Energy Profiles is ready
- Crete and Madeira join the validation committee on the Island-NEWS common framework for Energy Profiles

See also August, September and October News

International news

It is a selection of international energy, environment and development news. The sources are available on the website.

- Wal-Mart Approves of LED Lights but Remains Unsure About Wind Power
- Geothermal Power Continues to Grow Rapidly in 2006 in the United States
- The French Parliament adopted a new law on Energy
- Nicolas HULOT (a famous French environmentalist and former TV show host) talks to the future candidate for the French presidency election and calls for an ecological pact
- IEA World Energy Outlook 2006 Maps Out a Cleaner, Cleverer and More Competitive Energy Future
- The EU Council and the European Parliament reached an agreement on Aid for Trade and the Development Cooperation Instrument



3-MONTHLY TOPIC: Energy Atlas

This month focus: *Energy Profiles*

The 3-monthly topic gives the opportunity to Island-NEWS members to share and gain knowledge and experience on particular matter. A special focus is done in the NEWS letters.

The first 3-monthly topic is Energy Atlas and this month focus is on Energy Profiles.

Establishing an Energy Atlas is the first step in defining and implementing strategies for energy self-sufficiency and adaptation to climate change. It is constituted of:

- an Energy Profile
- an Inventory of Energy Resources
- a Directory of Energy Actors
- a Catalogue of Energy Trainings

An energy profile makes an inventory of all primary productions, imports, exports, transformations and consumptions of energy. It gives a detailed view, per energy and per sector, of the energy situation of an island / region / country over a certain period, typically over a year.

An energy profile has two functions:

- To provide a clear understanding of the energy situation: By comparing the energy situation with the ideal energy situation, it is possible to draw areas of efforts. This easily leads to the definition of a strategy.
- To follow changes by comparing to the previous periods: This allows measuring the results of the defined strategy and the implemented actions over the previous periods.

Island-NEWS is developing a common methodology for Energy Profile. It is simple and refers to international conventions set by organisations such as the International Energy Agency. A validation committee is reviewing it. The committee members are:

- M. MUNGUR, Ag Principal Planner - Ministry of Public Utilities (Mauritius)
- Dr ZOGRAFAKIS, director - Regional Energy Agency of Crete (Crete – Greece)
- M. MELIM MENDES, director – Regional Energy and Environment Agency of the autonomous region of Madeira (Madeira – Portugal)
- M. IBRAHIM, Energy Project Leader - General Council of Mayetta (Mayetta - France)
- Dr RAKOTONIAINA, Professor - Polytechnic University of Antananarivo (Madagascar)
- Ms GILBOIRE, Project Leader for Réunion Island Energy Observatory – ARER (Réunion - France)

AGENDA

This section provides you with information on passed and coming events related to energy, sustainable development and islands.

8-10 May 2007 - Sustainable Neighbourhood – from Lisbon to Leipzig through Research (L2L), "A conference on research for sustainable development in Europe" organized by the German EU Council Presidency 2007 in Leipzig, Germany

24-26 Apr 2007 - International Congress on Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Sources in Sofia, Bulgaria

22 Nov. 2006 - Economic forum of Indian Ocean Islands in Réunion Island

18-26 Nov. 2006 - Global Education Week 2006: "acting together for a just world"

17 Nov. 2006 - ICAT 2006, 3rd International Conference on Automototive Technologies, Istanbul, Turkey

11-19 Nov. 2006 - 9th edition of the French International Solidarity Week

6-17 Nov. 2006 - COP12 in Nairobi, Kenya

4 Nov. 2006 - International Day for Global Climate Change

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