



LOCAL RENEWABLES CONFERENCE FREIBURG 2010

Changing fuels or changing patterns? The role of renewables in sustainable urban mobility

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FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT



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Around 300 participants from local governments in Europe and worldwide, decision-makers from various levels of government, energy service providers, business representatives, as well as experts on sustainable energy and urban mobility are expected to discuss, exchange, learn and get ideas for local policy and local action, framework conditions, infrastructure and technological developments at Local Renewables Freiburg 2010.

PROGRAMME PRIORITIES FOR 2010

Transport and mobility remain big challenges for urban areas today. Car-dependent lifestyles contribute to congestion, air and noise pollution, as well as greenhouse gas emissions – leading to health and safety concerns, and providing constant challenges for land-use and urban development planning. Hot on the heels of extensive biofuels promotion in the past few years, the new trend of e-mobility seems to offer interesting solutions for urban mobility and its manifold challenges. Mobility in a post-oil era requires new options. When considering sustainable solutions, using clear energy sources, the provision of secure and sufficient energy from renewable sources, and considering sustainability of the whole production chain, are a few key areas that require attention – with the energy versus food crop competition a remaining challenge.

Urban transport and mobility planning go beyond looking at fuels and engines. It has a lot to do with people's behavior and available options or restrictions. Reducing mobility demand, preferring non-motorised modes of transport, and reinforcing public transport are vital building blocks of many sustainable urban mobility plans today. Nevertheless, expectations and perspectives regarding "clean" fuels are likely to impact the further development of such strategies – whether positive or negative remains to be seen.

The Local Renewables Conference will tackle these issues in workshops and panels, where the following questions will be raised:

- Biofuels or e-mobility or both? What are the perspectives?
- E-mobility for urban areas and infrastructure changes - what is needed to make it happen?
- E-mobility and renewable energy for transport – adequate supply and demand?
- Changing fuels or changing patterns – how to achieve real sustainable urban mobility?
- What role can renewables play in public transport and car-sharing?



FREIBURG GREENCITY

Host – Freiburg, Green City
The City of Freiburg is well known internationally for its environmental approach and extensive use of solar energy and other renewable sources. The city has also globally recognised as a result of its urban transport and mobility policy. Freiburg has won several awards, and is, therefore, an exemplary and qualified host. Colleagues from city administration, planning, science, and transport companies are available for on-site learning. The Solar Region Freiburg can share experiences gained over many years and showcase a multitude of effective technical, organisational and socio-economic solutions related to sustainable energy management and urban transport solutions.

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Cities can only become sustainable if they drastically reduce their resource consumption and climate impacts. ICLEI, the international association of active local governments, supports its members and their partners in becoming pioneers for energy efficiency, sustainable resource management, urban transport, resilience and good governance. With its Cities for Climate Protection Campaign and Local Renewables Initiative ICLEI provides information, motivation and support to many local governments around the world

PROGRAMME & REGISTRATION

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