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RES Champions League

The Newsletter No. 4 of the RES Champions League is available. It also contains info about the winners of the first RES Champions League competition.

<http://www.res-league.eu/european-league/european-newsletters/?Itemid=363>

Climate Alliance's response on the EU Energy Strategy

The EU is working on a new energy strategy for the time period from 2011 to 2020. In the framework of the public consultation on the basis of the EU paper "Towards a new Energy Strategy for Europe 2011-2020" Climate Alliance has submitted a comment.

<http://url.bb6.org/EnergieKB>

Climate Alliance events

Cities adapt: local water strategies in a changing climate

13 September 2010 in Munich, Germany

Climate change adaptation is mainly about water. Water is the primary medium through which climate change influences the Earth's ecosystems and therefore people's livelihoods and well-being. Already, water-related climate change impacts are being experienced in the form of more severe and more frequent flooding as well as extended periods with no rainfall at all. Therefore adaptation to climate change in Europe is mainly about better water management. Adapting to increasing climate variability and change through better water management requires policy shifts. The event will take place in the framework of the IFAT ENTSORGA from 13 to 17 September 2010.

<http://url.bb6.org/adaptation>

European Mobility Week 2010: Travel smarter, live better

16 – 22 September 2010, Europe-wide

2010 the European Mobility Week with the main focus on health and mobility takes place for the ninth time. Climate Alliance invites all cities and municipalities to take part and to point the way to a sustainable traffic-behaviour. All participating cities and municipalities are called to register online.

<http://www.mobilityweek.eu>

Open Days 2010 – Covenant of Mayors

4 – 7 October 2010 in Brussels and locally in whole Europe

In the framework of the OPEN DAYS, the European meeting point for local authorities and regions, the workshop "Covenant of Mayors: Participatory local governance in action" will take place at 6 October 2010. It's organised by the office of the Covenant of Mayors, in which Climate Alliance is participating, and of the European Commission.

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/conferences/od2010/index.cfm?nmenu=1&sub=100

Brussels breakfast debate with guests from Ecuador

5 October 2010 in Brussels

Guests: Ermel Chávez, President of the Amazon Defence Front, Victor López, anthropologist of the Ecuadorian scientific organisation, EcoCiencia, and Claude Turmes, MEP

Topic: Yasuní Initiative

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Climate Alliance events

Public Contracting Authorities Meet – pro-EE Conference

7 – 8 October 2010 in Linz, Austria

Ecological procurement is rating high in the EU by now. Ecological and joint award criteria have been developed. And great potential for an improved implementation results from a cooperation spanning community and regional corporation as well as from twinning with the economy to strengthen innovative technology. The pro-EE final conference is going to present most recent results on opportunities and limits in joint ecological and economical procurement and provides answers to questions on public procurement.

<http://url.bb6.org/Contracting>

Amazon news

The Yasuní Initiative in Ecuador – protection against oil disasters

Indigenous peoples are threatened by the oil production in their regions again and again. So, in Peru in June 2010 crude oil from a tanker flowed into the Río Marañón and poisoned the drinking water source of the surrounding indigenous villages. Also the biggest lake of South America, the Lago de Maracaibo in Venezuela, is strongly polluted through the long lasting intensive oil extraction. Since May 2010 smudgy black oil clumps drift on the water, the fishermen catch always less, mostly oil stuck fish and tourists do not appear any more. This very day, 20 years after the end of the oil production in the northeast of Ecuador oil and heavy metal containing sewages seep from 600 open pits into the groundwater and contaminate livestock pastures and fields.

<http://url.bb6.org/enYasuni>

Peru: help after oil spill

The energy company Pluspetrol has promised to help the municipalities concerned by the oil spill in the beginning of August in the Peruvian province Loreto. In an agreement with the representatives of the municipalities it was decided to launch as fast as possibly an association for the protection of the oil contaminated river depression of the Río Marañón. On 19 June a ship of Pluspetrol that had loaded 5000 barrels of crude oil sprung a leak in the catchment area of the Río Marañón. Thereupon approximately 300 barrels of oil had poured into the river depression. Since the accident the inhabitants of the municipalities affected demand an alternative supply with drinking water.

<http://www.npla.de/de/poonal/2957--pluspetrol-sagt-hilf>

Brazil: protest against dams

In the end of July around 300 persons from eleven indigenous peoples, including about 50 Enawene Nawe, occupied the site of a hydroelectric plant, demanding that they be compensated for the damage caused to them by the dam, that their land rights be upheld and that no more harmful dams be built in the region. 77 small hydroelectric dams are planned for the Juruena River, upstream of the Enawene Nawe's land. Five are already under construction. Another series of dams is planned for the Aripuanã river, including the Dardanelos dam – the site of the protest – which will affect the Cinta Larga and Arara tribes. The Enawene Nawe are famous for their fishing method. Therefore they build dams in the rivers and spend several months in camps in the forest where they catch fishes and smoke them. Then they ship them with canoes to their villages. They don't eat meat.

<http://www.survivalinternational.org/news/6282>

Amazon news

Innumerable forest fires also in the Amazon area

In comparison to the yearly fires in South America the approximately 800 fire sources in Russia were few. In August 2010 in the Amazon basin more than 150,000 fires on an area of 2500 kilometres lengths were counted. In Brazil strong bush and forest fires provide more and more destruction; numerous reservations as well as the biggest river island of the world were devastated. Half of the continent is under smoke clouds. Reasons for the innumerable fires are beside the uncommon heat the expanding land use. The cultivation of soya, sugarcane and the livestock pastures increase the destruction-pressure on the rainforest since years.

<http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/IOTD/view.php?id=45449>

European news

MEPs back unspent money for local energy & transport investment

The Industry, Research and Energy Committee approved plans for more investments to local energy efficiency projects in its meeting on 2nd of September. Unallocated funds of the European Energy Programme will probably provide around 115 million euros for this purpose. The Parliament has been really active around this topic because of its job creation potential. Municipal, local and regional authorities that fund public and private schemes will be eligible for the money.

<http://url.bb6.org/MEPs>

Share of renewable energies increases in Europe

Eurostat, the statistical office of the EU, reports that the share of renewable energies for the coverage of the gross final energy consumption has climbed in the EU27 between 2006 and 2008 from 8.8% to 10.3%. Sweden records the highest share of regenerative energies with 44.4%, followed by Finland with 30.5%, Latvia with 29.9%, Austria with 28.5% and Portugal with 23.2%. Austria showed the highest growth rate: the share climbed from 24.8% in the year 2006 to 28.5% in the year 2008.

<http://url.bb6.org/EE>

EU emphasises role of cities on sustainability

A new publication on highlights of the European research examines, who the steady urbanisation can be brought in line with sustainable and integrative growth. With the 36 pages of the report "World and European Sustainable Cities" the EU Commission wants to promote the change to a culture of the economic, social and ecological sustainability.

http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/pdf/sustainable-cities-report_en.pdf

Further events

International Conference on Building Performance

20 – 21 September 2010 in Berlin

<http://www.icbp2010.com>

International school congress "Energy efficiency in schools"

7 – 8 October 2010 in Stralsund, Germany

<http://www.egs-project.eu>

On the way to energy plus territories – European Study Tour

11 – 13 October 2010 in Brittany, France

Elected persons and staff of cities and municipalities are cordially invited to take part in this study tour around the city of Rennes in Brittany. During the tour the translation in English and Bulgarian will be ensured.

<http://url.bb6.org/ProgramFrance>

Local Renewables Freiburg 2010 – Changing fuels or changing patterns? The role of renewables in sustainable urban mobility

14 – 15 October 2010 in Freiburg im Breisgau

<http://www.local-renewables-conference.org/freiburg2010>

The Future for Sustainable Built Environments with High Performance Energy Systems

19 – 21 October 2010 in Munich

<http://www.conference.annex49.de>