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## Climate Alliance in Europe

### **Towards a new Energy Strategy for Europe 2011–2020**

The EU is working on a new energy strategy for the time from 2011 to 2020. At present a public consultation is running on the base of the 17 page long stock taking document "Towards a new Energy Strategy for Europe 2011–2020".

Climate Alliance wants to participate in the consultation. Therefore we would be happy to receive also your comments to the paper and the future of the energy policy in Europe.

If you want to annotate the EU document directly sent your submissions to [ener-action-plan@ec.europa.eu](mailto:ener-action-plan@ec.europa.eu) by 2 July 2010.

If you want that we include you comments into a Climate Alliance paper please sent them to Ulrike Janssen ([u.janssen@climatealliance.org](mailto:u.janssen@climatealliance.org)) until 17 June 2010.

*[http://ec.europa.eu/energy/strategies/consultations/2010\\_07\\_02\\_energy\\_strategy\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/energy/strategies/consultations/2010_07_02_energy_strategy_en.htm)*

### **Survey: Sustainable energy policy by EU regions and cities**

The Committee of the Regions, with the support of the Covenant of Mayors initiative, is asking EU cities and regions to contribute to this survey by describing their policy on sustainable energy practices.

The survey will be used to gather examples of good practice from EU regions and cities and to improve understanding of the policy options being implemented, the challenges facing local and regional authorities and the main areas of success.

The English questionnaire has to be filled in online but on the website you find translations into all EU languages. Closing date of the survey is 30 June 2010.

*<http://portal.cor.europa.eu/europe2020/news/Pages/SustainableEnergySurvey.aspx>*

## Amazon News

### Historical Victory of the Indigenous Peoples in Peru

The Congress on 19 May 2010 adopted after 15 years of waiting, the law on right to prior consultation with the indigenous peoples. Most remarkable is that it incorporates the "consent" that should give indigenous peoples with respect to legislative or administrative measures that affect them directly.

After approval, Saul Puerta Peña, national secretary of the AIDSESEP, said this is an achievement to the strength of the people and a step towards peace and reconciliation between the State and people.

[http://indigenouspeopleissues.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=5304peruvian-congress-passes-law-of-right-to-prior-consultation-with-indigenous-peoples&catid=53:south-america-indigenous-peoples&Itemid=75](http://indigenouspeopleissues.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=5304peruvian-congress-passes-law-of-right-to-prior-consultation-with-indigenous-peoples&catid=53:south-america-indigenous-peoples&Itemid=75)

### Amazon mega-dams endanger uncontacted Indigenous People

Two mega-dams being constructed in the Brazilian Amazon threaten to devastate several groups of uncontacted Indians. The Santo Antônio and Jirau dams are being built on the Madeira River, next to the territory of isolated indigenous peoples.

<http://www.survivalinternational.org/news/5941>

## European News

### MEPs rubber-stamp energy performance of buildings directive

The EU Parliament adopted the revised Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD). New buildings will be required to meet ambitious energy efficiency standards from 2020 on. But the existing building stock will be exempted from compulsory retrofitting.

Ambitious energy performance standards for new buildings are indeed really needed, and the introduction of the concept of “near zero-energy” buildings is arguably a big step to reduce EU’s CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and reach the targets the EU committed to.

However, one has to keep in mind that existing buildings – which are not affected by the revised EPBD – represent by far the largest share in buildings’ energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions in the EU. The building sector represents nearly 40 percent of EU’s energy consumption, and is responsible for one third of its greenhouse gas emissions. It is, together with transport, the main sector expected to be the target of measures to reduce energy consumption.

<http://www.europolitics.info/meps-rubber-stamp-energy-performance-of-buildings-directive-art272306-10.html>

### Environment MEPs get tough on illegal timber trade

Between 20 and 40 percent of the world’s wood production comes from illegally logged tropical forests. In April last year the European Parliament voted to ban trade in illegally logged timber. Now the text is back at Parliament and Environment Committee. MEPs are not satisfied with what the EU governments in the Council have made of it – shying away from a real ban.

[http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/public/story\\_page/064-74282-127-05-19-911-20100507STO74261-2010-07-05-2010/default\\_en.htm](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/public/story_page/064-74282-127-05-19-911-20100507STO74261-2010-07-05-2010/default_en.htm)

### Survey: Prosperity with CO<sub>2</sub> free energy production

The European Climate Foundation shows in different scenarios, how the EU can lower its CO<sub>2</sub> emissions until 2050 about 80 to 95 percent and profits also economically with it. The European Climate Foundation (ECF) has with the “Roadmap 2050” a guide for a “prosperous and carbon-poor Europe” developed.

<http://www.roadmap2050.eu>

## Events

### **European Greenways Conference**

10 – 12 June 2010 in Madrid

<http://www.accessibletourism.org/?i=enat.en.events.901>

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### **Cities for Mobility – World Congress 2010**

4 – 6 July 2010 in Stuttgart

<http://www.cities-for-mobility.net>

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### **ISEE Conference 2010 – Advancing Sustainability in a Time of Crisis**

22 – 25 August 2010 in Oldenburg and Bremen

<http://www.isee2010.org>

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