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## Climate Alliance news

### **Cycling City Councillors – Nominated for Sustainable Energy Europe Award**

More than 300 projects are vying for this year's Sustainable Energy Europe Awards, which reward best-in-class initiatives that promote renewable energy or energy efficiency. Climate Alliance's Cycling City Councillors campaign (known as "Stadtradeln" in German) is selected as one of the four top initiatives in the "Travelling" category. The winner will be announced on 12 April, 2011 during the EU Sustainable Energy Week.

<http://www.eusew.eu/awards-competition>

### **UN Development Goals – First meeting in Bonn**

The partners of a new EU project supporting the UN Millennium Development Goals met for the kickoff meeting middle of February 2011 in Bonn. In the focus of the project will be the exchange of experiences and the increase of development information and education about the UN development goals. The project partners are the city of Bonn, the European Secretariat of Climate Alliance, Climate Alliance Austria and Reflex (HU) as well as the cities Potsdam, Oxford, Villach and Sopron.

<http://kurzurl.net/developmentgoals>

### **Covenant of Mayors**

The guidelines to develop a Sustainable Energy Action Plan are available in five languages meanwhile – in English, German, French, Italian and Spanish. This comprehensive guide provides all signatories with a large set of guidelines and recommendations for the entire development process of their action plans. Based on the practical experience of local authorities, this methodological framework should help Covenant signatories to better draft and implement both their Baseline Emission Inventory and Sustainable Energy Action Plan.

<http://www.eumayors.eu>

### **RES Champions League**

The second European award-celebration of the RES Champions League will take place at 2 June 2011 in Prague.

In the newest project newsletter you find reports about a study tour into the Brittany and news about activities of cities and municipalities that are on a good way in the RES Champions League.

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

### **Polis – Releasing solar potentials**

In the project newsletter of Polis ("Identification and mobilisation of solar potentials via local strategies") you read the latest about the development of the Polis pilot actions, can look up reports over the results of workshops and can experience much more.

[http://www.polis-solar.eu/newsletter/nl\\_2.html](http://www.polis-solar.eu/newsletter/nl_2.html)

## Climate Alliance events

### European Sustainable Energy Week – EUSEW

11 – 15 April 2011 in Brussels and all across Europe

<http://www.eusew.eu>

Events in the framework of EUSEW in Brussels:

#### – Sustainable Energy Europe Awards Ceremony

12 April 2011, 19:00 to 23:00

[http://www.eusew.eu/index.php?option=com\\_see\\_eventview&view=see\\_eventdetail&index=42&date=1271023200&opnr=2&eventid=1206](http://www.eusew.eu/index.php?option=com_see_eventview&view=see_eventdetail&index=42&date=1271023200&opnr=2&eventid=1206)

#### – Local and Regional Action for Sustainable Energy – Covenant of Mayors

13 April 2011, 14:30 to 18:30

[http://eusew.eu/index.php?option=com\\_see\\_eventview&view=see\\_eventdetail&opnr=3&index=23&date=1271109600&eventid=892](http://eusew.eu/index.php?option=com_see_eventview&view=see_eventdetail&opnr=3&index=23&date=1271109600&eventid=892)

#### – Covenant of Mayors Regions, Provinces and Networks – Key to Success

14 April 2011, 9:30 to 13:00

[http://eusew.eu/index.php?option=com\\_see\\_eventview&view=see\\_eventdetail&eventid=1009](http://eusew.eu/index.php?option=com_see_eventview&view=see_eventdetail&eventid=1009)

#### – Sustainable Energy Action Plan implementation: impacts and achievements

14 April 2011, 11:30 to 13:00

For small and medium-sized municipalities, with examples from the cities of Iserlohn, Worms and Junglinster, moderation: Ulrike Janssen

[http://eusew.eu/component/see\\_eventview/index.php?option=com\\_see\\_eventview&view=see\\_eventdetail&opnr=4&index=13&date=1271196000&eventid=1001](http://eusew.eu/component/see_eventview/index.php?option=com_see_eventview&view=see_eventdetail&opnr=4&index=13&date=1271196000&eventid=1001)

#### – Covenant of Mayors Action Plans – Large Cities & Agglomerations Share Experiences

14 April 2011, 11:30 to 13:00

[http://eusew.eu/component/see\\_eventview/index.php?option=com\\_see\\_eventview&view=see\\_eventdetail&opnr=4&index=14&date=1271196000&eventid=999](http://eusew.eu/component/see_eventview/index.php?option=com_see_eventview&view=see_eventdetail&opnr=4&index=14&date=1271196000&eventid=999)

### Annual Conference and General Assembly of Climate Alliance

4 – 7 May 2011 in Munich

Tight budgets, nil scope for investments; there's nothing more to be done in climate protection? An increasing number of creative cities and municipalities are using energy efficiency measures and renewable energies to actually stimulate the local economy and gain further independence from the rapidly rising oil prices. We hereby cordially invite you to our 2011 Annual Conference to learn about local cooperation schemes and smart approaches to generate financial means for more climate protection.

<http://www.climatealliance.org>

### RES Champions League – Study tour

6 and 7 May 2011 in Munich

The study tour of the RES Champions League takes place in the framework of the International Annual Conference of Climate Alliance.

[http://www.climatealliance.org/fileadmin/inhalte/dokumente/MV2011/RESChampionsLeague\\_StudyTourMunich.pdf](http://www.climatealliance.org/fileadmin/inhalte/dokumente/MV2011/RESChampionsLeague_StudyTourMunich.pdf)

## Climate Alliance events

### European Mobility Week

16 – 22 September in Europe and beyond

Mobility & energy has been chosen for this year's mobility week as focal point. Cities and municipalities are called to present their commitment for sustainable mobility and to inform and involve their citizens in most different, creative ways about it.

<http://www.mobilityweek.eu>

## Amazon news

### Forest protection fails

The world has learned nothing from former mistakes in forest protection. Despite numerous initiatives in the matters of biodiversity or avoidance of tropical timber South America still loses 4 million hectares of forest per year, Africa loses 3.4 million hectares. Now an international expert team has examined in a big study why the success failed to appear.

<http://www.iufro.org/science/gfep/forest-regime-panel/report/>

### Chevron ordered to pay damages in Ecuador

It has taken over seventeen years: on 14 February 2011 the highest court in the Ecuadorian province of Sucumbíos has ruled that Chevron (formerly Texaco) is to pay over 8 billion USD in punitive damages for the massive environmental destruction it has caused in 26 years of oil production in the region. The Climate Alliance embraces the decision of the court.

<http://kurzurl.net/ChevronEcuador>

### Brazil: Belo Monte dam

A recent injunction against controversial dam, Belo Monte, in Brazil has been overturned, allowing the first phase of construction to go ahead. The ruling by a higher court argued that not all environmental conditions must be met on the dam in order for construction to start. The earlier injunction against the dam argued that the partial license granted by Brazil's environmental agency, IBAMA, was issued illegally. Environmentalists and indigenous rights-groups alike have opposed the 11-17 milliard Dollar Belo Monte dam for its anticipated impacts on the region. Diverting the Xingu River for around 100 kilometres, the dam would flood nearly 500 square kilometres of rainforest. An estimated 50,000 indigenous people who depend on the river would be impacted, and many forced to move.

[http://news.mongabay.com/2011/0306-hance\\_belomonte.html](http://news.mongabay.com/2011/0306-hance_belomonte.html)

## European news

### EU Energy Efficiency Plan

Recent Commission estimates the EU will achieve only half of the 20 percent improvement in energy efficiency by 2020 if it continues business as usual. In order to create a new impetus, the Commission announces a series of new measures. The Commission promotes the exemplary role of the public sector and proposes a binding target to accelerate the refurbishment rate of the public sector building stock. Public authorities should be required to refurbish at least 3 percent of their buildings each year. The plan also introduces energy efficiency criteria in public procurement.

<http://kurzurl.net/EUenergyefficiency>

### Climate Alliance's response on EU energy strategy "Energy Roadmap 2050"

The EU needs to have ambitious CO<sub>2</sub> reduction targets – in order to achieve the required 80-95 percent reduction in EU greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. Achieving the transition to a low-carbon energy system by 2050 requires acknowledging the efforts of local governments. Local action should also be quantified where possible and the local efforts included into the overall CO<sub>2</sub> reduction target of the EU. There are already methods (such as ECORegion) available, but further work is still needed. The local governments have regulatory and financial power to encourage low-carbon and sustainable investment.

Response of Climate Alliance:

[http://www.climatealliance.org/fileadmin/inhalte/dokumente/2011/Energy\\_Roadmap\\_2050\\_CA\\_response.pdf](http://www.climatealliance.org/fileadmin/inhalte/dokumente/2011/Energy_Roadmap_2050_CA_response.pdf)

Energy Roadmap 2050:

[http://ec.europa.eu/energy/strategies/consultations/20110307\\_roadmap\\_2050\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/energy/strategies/consultations/20110307_roadmap_2050_en.htm)

### EU intend to ban combustion engines from cities

With the "White paper transport" the European Commission intend to half the conventionally run vehicles in city centres until 2030. At the latest 2050 no cars and easy utility vehicles with combustion engines should be allowed any more in the European cities.

[http://ec.europa.eu/transport/strategies/2011\\_white\\_paper\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/transport/strategies/2011_white_paper_en.htm)

## Further events

### European Solar Days

1 – 15 May 2011 in Europe

The European Solar Days successfully promote the use of a free unlimited renewable energy source available everywhere to everyone to generate electricity as well as heating and cooling: the SUN.

<http://www.solardays.eu>

### EREC 2011 – Europe's Renewable Energy Policy Conference

24 May 2011 in Brussels

<http://www.erec.org/erec2011>

### European Smart Cities

25 – 26 May 2011 in Amsterdam

[http://www.smartcityevent.com/event\\_home](http://www.smartcityevent.com/event_home)

### International Passive House Conference

27 – 28 May 2011 in Innsbruck

[http://www.passivhaustagung.de/fuenfzehnte/englisch/index\\_eng.html](http://www.passivhaustagung.de/fuenfzehnte/englisch/index_eng.html)

### Fifth World Congress of Cities for Mobility

3 – 5 July 2011 in Stuttgart

[http://www.cities-for-mobility.net/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=frontpage&Itemid=163](http://www.cities-for-mobility.net/index.php?option=com_content&view=frontpage&Itemid=163)