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The panel "Indigenous peoples and biodiversity: ecological challenges, indigenous rights and economic and political realities", which met in August 2008 and in which the Climate Alliance is involved, adopted a declaration to support the indigenous position in Peru. Through regulations of the president indigenous land should be sold more simply to oil or mining companies.

<http://www.indigene.de/indigenenews.html>
(only in Spanish and German)

2) Financing products for environmental commitment

For banks, offers for "green" money investment are usually already standard. Thanks to Fina-RET, also credit conditions for investments in sustainable energies should become more attractive for users in the future.

A consortium of five countries, in which the Climate Alliance Austria is involved, aims to support the deployment of renewable energy technologies and energy efficiency technologies through the identification, specification and packaging of sustainable, flexible and easy to access financing products.

<http://www.finaret.eu>

3) European Development Days

15 - 17 November 2008 in Strasbourg

The Climate Alliance will participate - as last year - with a stand at the European Development Days. The artist Michael Müller will paint pictures regarding energy consumption and effects on the South with students from Stuttgart and the partner-city Strasbourg.

<http://www.eudevdays.eu>

4) International Climate Alliance Conference 2009

23 and 24 April 2009 in Brussels

We organise the conference together with the city network Energie-Cités.

News from Europe

5) Covenant of Mayors - now available in all languages

By joining the 'Covenant of Mayors' cities and municipalities commit themselves to go above the goals of the EU in reducing their CO2 emissions through energy efficiency and the use of renewable energies. Now the text is available in all EU languages.

http://ec.europa.eu/energy/climate_actions/mayors/index_en.htm

Further information:

<http://www.climatealliance.org/index.php?id=136&L=0>

6) MEPs strengthen renewable energies

The Parliament's Industry Committee has almost unanimously backed EU legislation that paves the way for massive investment in renewables. EU countries are set to back the main elements of the vote, according to MEP Claude Turmes, who shepherded the file through Parliament. This is a great day for renewable energies in Europe, said Claude Turmes who has been Climate Alliance coordinator in Luxemburg earlier.

<http://www.euractiv.com/en/energy/meps-give-major-boost-renewables-industry/article-175296>

7) EU consultation procedure about UN climate negotiations

Beginning in August 2008 the European Commission has started a consultation procedure to the position of the EU in the current international climate negotiations. The Commission asks about the opinion of organisations and the public to important positions of the EU. The end date of the hearing is 10 October 2008.

<http://ec.europa.eu/yourvoice/ipm/forms/dispatch?form=climatepost2012&lang=en>

8) Ecological procurement in the EU

Each year European public authorities spend the equivalent of 16 percent of the EU Gross Domestic Product on the purchase of goods and services - a big part of it goes in areas with huge environment effects as transport, buildings and furniture. As part of the action plan for sustainable consumption and production patterns the European Commission wants to make the procurement in the EU more ecological in future. Therefore especially the directive on energy labels (energy efficiency categories A - G) should be revised.

<http://www.eu-umweltbuero.at/cgi-bin/newsletter/eunews.pl?aktion=framebau&newsid=1878&nummer=24/2008&zg=8>

9) Illegal wood in the EU

Despite the since 2005 effective FLEGT Action Plan to fight the illegal logging, the EU still imports significant quantities of illegally cut wood: According to a study of the WWF approximately one fifth of the wood which was imported into the EU in the year 2006 came from illegal or dubious sources.

http://assets.panda.org/downloads/illegal_wood_for_the_european_market_july_2008.pdf

10) Open Days - European Week of Regions and Cities

6 - 9 October 2008 in Brussels

Within the Open Days the event "Working with municipalities in the framework of the Covenant of Mayors" will take place at 8 October.

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/conferences/od2008/index.cfm

11) European Energy Service Award

This year also local authorities can engage in this award, which will be assigned for innovative energy efficiency projects. The deadline has been extended to 10 November 2008.

http://www.energy-service-initiative.net/front_content.php?idcat=25

Events

12) 2008 Dobbiaco Colloquia - Limits as a Challenge for the Solar Age

26 - 27 September 2008 in Dobbiaco, Italy
(in Italian and German language)

<http://www.toblacher-gespraechе.it/leggere.php?id=1>

13) International Conference for Enhanced Building Operations

20 - 22 October 2008 in Berlin

http://www.eb-ing.com/icebo/dok/icebo_programm_englisch.pdf

14) The Role of Information in an Age of Climate Change

13 - 14 November 2008 in Aarhus, Denmark

<http://www.klima.au.dk/dk/forside/aarhusconvention>

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