

## **Press Release**

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### **RENEXPO® Portugal Conferences with defined themes**

The themes for most RENEXPO® Portugal Conferences have already been defined. Up to now, four Conferences had already been confirmed, which will focus on different topics of the subject of Renewable Energies and Energy Efficiency.

REECO Portugal, acting jointly with some of its partners, has already defined the themes of four Conferences which will be held within RENEXPO® Portugal 2010. These Conferences focus on some of the most pertinent topics of the subject of Renewable Energies and Energy Efficiency.

In association with Lisboa E-Nova – Municipal Agency of Energy and Environment – REECO Portugal will organise, in May 13<sup>th</sup>, the 'Conference on Energy Efficient Building'. With the transposition of the European Union's orientations to the Portuguese juridical order, through the National System of Energy Certification and Indoor Air Quality in Buildings (SCE), the Regulation of Energy Systems and Air Conditioning in Buildings (RSECE) and the Regulation of Buildings Thermal Behaviour Characteristics (RCCTE), the legal framework indispensable to the promotion of Energy Efficient Building has been defined. It is an area which has experienced a fast growth, also being one of the main short-term objectives of the National Strategy for Energy.

In May 14<sup>th</sup>, the Conference 'Offshore Renewable Energies: Unsolved Problem or Promising Future?' will take place, organised jointly with the Wave Energy Centre (WavEC). With its extensive coastline, Portugal has privileged conditions to explore these alternative energy sources, having already some experience in this area, namely in the use of waves – Portugal hosts the first experimental project in the world, by the coast of Peniche (Aguçadoura 1). The objectives for 2020 contemplate a pilot area with a potential of 250 MW.

REECO Portugal will also organise a Conference named 'Waste as Energy Raw Materials', in association with the Centre for Waste Recovery (Centro de Valorização de Resíduos – CVR). The Portuguese cogeneration objectives aim for an installed power of 350 MW in 2010, growing up to 550 MW in 2020. In this domain, the sensitive matter of the incineration of Municipal Solid Residues is particularly important for the Portuguese strategy.

Finally, REECO Portugal will organise in association with CEBIO – Association for the Promotion of Bioenergy – a Conference named 'Bioenergy for 2020: Resources and Technology'. In this domain, Portugal presents very distinct results on its various strands. For instance, the country has very ambitious goals regarding the use of biofuels – 10% of the transport sector already in 2010 – but having, at the same time, a long way to go regarding the use of biogas – 50 MW planned for 2010; 12 MW installed in 2009. For 2020, an installed power of 170 MW is predicted – 150 MW from anaerobic digestion and 20 MW from landfill gas.

The REECO Group is one of the most important and successful European organisers of trade fairs and conferences exclusively dedicated to Renewable Energies and Energy Efficiency. Established in 1997 and headquartered in Germany, the Group is also present in Portugal, Austria, Australia, Belgium, Hungary, Romania and Ukraine, organising several events in these markets. The REECO Group's trade fairs attract more than 1000 exhibiting companies and about 40000 visitors annually. The conferences have more than 4000 participants. The Group is



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