

## **Press Release**

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### **Universities and Research Centres at RENEXPO® Portugal**

RENEXPO® Portugal will have a place especially dedicated to Universities and Research Centres. At the R&D-Energy Area, these organisations will be able to present their projects in the field of Renewable Energies and Energy Efficiency.

The low level of communication between the business domain and the scientific and academic one is often referred as one of the obstacles to the development of the sector of Renewable Energies and Energy Efficiency. In fact, several projects developed in this area by Universities and Research Centres have some difficulty in finding further expansion in the business environment. This difficulty is rooted in several factors; nevertheless, the communication between companies and research institutions is frequently one of the main causes of this problem.

Aware of this fact, RENEXPO® Portugal will integrate the R&D-Energy Area, a place especially destined to the presentation of projects developed by Universities and Research Centres. Here, these institutions will have the opportunity to exhibit their scientific programs on the field of Renewable Energies and Energy Efficiency. On the other hand, they will be in direct contact with the other players within the sector – companies, investors, associations and public institutions. These Universities and Research Centres will also have the possibility of holding short seminars and workshops on a technical and scientific basis.

RENEXPO® Portugal will therefore promote an approach between the scientific institutions and the business domain, hence giving an important contribution for the development of the sector of Renewable Energies and Energy Efficiency.

RENEXPO® Portugal will integrate several Conferences, as this is one of the main vectors of the event. The Conference that is organised jointly with the Wave Energy Centre (WavEC), named 'Offshore Renewable Energies: Unsolved Problem or Promising Future?' will be held in May 14<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. This Conference will host speakers from Portuguese companies which are currently developing projects in this area; and also foreign speakers, which will give their contribution for the debate. The event consists in several presentations, which will occur in four thematic sessions:

- Session I – Goals and Strategies in Offshore Renewable Energies
- Session II – Demonstration Projects in Portugal
- Session III – Uses of the Sea and Synergies
- Session IV – Round Table: How to Guarantee a Promising Future?

Further information can be found on [www.renexpo-portugal.com](http://www.renexpo-portugal.com).

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 still a member of more than 30 associations and it is supported by numerous public entities, at federal/national and state/regional levels, in several countries.

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