

**Short report from EUREC/EREC event  
on FP 7 research priorities,  
1.3.2005, Bruxelles**



EGEC president Burkhard Sanner and EGEN Bruxelles representative Philippe Dumas attended the event to promote the renewable energy priorities for FP 7, jointly organised by EUREC and EREC. The event was very well attended, with a great number of high-ranking persons from the Commission, the European Parliament, national representations to the EU, and other. Speeches were delivered

- by Mechthild Rothe (she was a kind of patron to the event),
- by EUREC president Didier Mayer,
- by Matjaz Malgaj, a Slovenian and member of the cabinet of research commissioner Potocnik (he read an address from the commissioner),
- by Alfonso Gonzalez Finat for DG-TREN,
- by Jerzy Buzek for the Research and Energy Committee of the European Parliament, and by EREC president Arthouros Zervos.

The main requests from EUREC/EREC were

- an increase of available funds to 250 Mio € annually
- a separate budget line for renewables
- support to all renewables

A common thread in the talks was the need for simplification of the procedures, which are almost forbidding for SMEs etc.

EUREC/EREC presented a brochure that can be downloaded at:  
[http://www.eurec.be/FP7Priorities\\_Renewable\\_Energy.pdf](http://www.eurec.be/FP7Priorities_Renewable_Energy.pdf)

Alas, in spite of input from EGEN to the brochure, the main part with the priorities does focus on EGS only. So we agreed with EUREC that our own list of priorities, which covers more the short- to medium-term topics, shall be distributed together with the brochure; it can be downloaded from the EGEN website.

More on the event will follow when the official press release will be available.

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Burkhard Sanner