

Press release
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Energy and Climate Change

Call from Energie-Cités for local authorities to reach EU objectives

Energie-Cités (www.energie-cites.eu), an association uniting 500 European local authorities, launched a call for all local authorities to reach the energy and climate objectives of the European Union. The call was launched in Brasov (RO) on 26th April 2007, during the Annual General Meeting of the association.

The European Council of 8th-9th March 2007 set the following objectives:

- to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 20%
- to reduce our energy use by 20%
- to increase the share of renewable energy by 20% by 2020.

Local authorities are, therefore, invited to join all local stakeholders in committing themselves to the reaching of the EU objectives and the creation of a voluntary movement so as to imagine their energy future in this new context.

The call is also directed at the Presidency of the European Union, Member States and other European institutions so that more importance is given to the strong involvement of local authorities and all actors of society.

Energie-Cités tried imagining what the official press release from the 2020 European Council could –or should- be.

“At the 2020 Spring European Council, the Heads of State and Government, together with all the European institutions, expressed their satisfaction at the results obtained with regard to energy efficiency, renewable energy and the fight against climate change.

Not only have all the objectives been reached, and even exceeded, but it also looks like the European Union is in a good position to contemplate its future with serenity.

The unprecedented mobilisation of the European society as a whole – including citizens, local, regional and national authorities, and all business sectors – in imagining a society that is compatible with its ecological footprint has born fruit.”

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To obtain the full text of the Call:

http://www.energie-cites.eu/IMG/pdf/resolution_energiecites_brasov_en.pdf