Press Release

MANUEL BLANCO DELIVERS A SEMINAR IN ABU DHABI

Sarriguren (Navarra), 23 January 2012.- The Director of the Solar Thermal Energy Department of the National Renewable Energy Centre (CENER), Dr. Manuel J. Blanco, participated in the General Meeting of the EU-GCC Clean Energy Network, last week. This is an international network that was created two years ago now, and whose aim is to foster scientific and technical cooperation between the European Union and the countries of the Persian Gulf.

The participation of Dr. Blanco consisted in coordinating the meeting of the Renewable Energy Sources Working Group, together with a representative from the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) and a representative from the German Aerospace Centre (DLR). He also delivered, on his own, a seminar on the design and modelling of solar thermal power plants. This is precisely one of the specialisation areas of the Department that he runs at CENER.

Like many countries with emerging economies, such as China, India, South Africa, Egypt or Morocco, the countries of the Persian Gulf are committing strongly to renewable energies and above all, to solar energy.

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