

REGIONAL MINISTERS OF INDUSTRY AND INNOVATION FROM SIX AUTONOMOUS COMMUNITIES MEET AT CENER

Sarriguren (Navarra), 4 May 2010.- Regional Ministers of Industry and Innovation and Director Generals of Energy from six Spanish autonomous communities have met this morning at the headquarters of the National Renewable Energy Centre-CENER, located in Sarriguren (Navarra), where they were received by the Director General of the centre, José Javier Armendáriz.

The Regional Minister of Innovation, Enterprise and Employment of the Government of Navarra, Jose M^a Roig acted as the host of this meeting, which is held on a regular basis among the holders of the departments of industry and innovation of neighbouring regions, such as: Asturias, Cantabria, Castile and Leon, La Rioja, Navarra and Basque Country.

The following participated in the meeting held at CENER:

◆ **Government of Navarra:**

- **José M^a Roig Aldasoro**, Regional Minister of Innovation, Enterprise and Employment.
- **Begoña Urien Angulo**, Director General of Enterprise.

◆ **Government of the Basque Country (CAV)**

- **Bernabé Unda Barturen**, Regional Minister of Industry, Innovation, Trade and Tourism.
- **Pedro Gomez Damborenea**, Deputy Regional Minister of the Planning and Strategy Office.

◆ **Government of Asturias:**

- **Graciano Torre González**, Regional Minister of Industry and Employment.
- **Vicente Fernández Fernández**, Chief of Staff.

◆ **Government of Cantabria:**

- **Juan José Sota Verdión**, Regional Minister of Industry and Technological Development.
- **Ricardo Gordejuela Delgado**, Secretary General of the Regional Ministry.
- **Marcos Bergua Toledo**, Director General of Industry.

◆ **Government of La Rioja:**

- **Javier Erro Urrutia**, Regional Minister of Industry, Innovation and Employment.
- **Lola Zuazo Morales**, Chief of Staff

◆ **Government of Castile and Leon:**

- **Tomás Villanueva Rodríguez**, Regional Minister of Economy and Employment.
- **Rafael Delgado Nuñez**, Secretary General of the Regional Ministry

In comments made during the visit, the Regional Minister, Jose M^a Roig, who is also the President of CENER, justified holding the meeting at the headquarters of the national research centre: "CENER is a home for everyone, focused on a sector that is close to the heart both in Navarra and in the majority of the autonomous communities: renewable energies, which can be an example of cooperation and collaboration that we are going to maintain among all the autonomous communities", he concluded.

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About CENER

The National Renewable Energy Centre of Spain is a technology centre, with excellent qualifications and international prestige, specialised in applied research and the development and promotion of renewable energies. CENER has more than 200 researchers, carrying out activities on the five continents. The Board of trustees is comprised of the Ministry of Science and Innovation, the Research Centre for Energy, Environment and Technology (CIEMAT), the Ministry of Industry and the Government of Navarra.

CENER performs its activity in six work areas in the field of energies: wind, solar thermal and solar photovoltaic, biomass, bioclimatic architecture and renewable energy grid integration. Its headquarters are located in the Ciudad de la Innovación (Innovation Centre), in Sarriguren - Navarra, although it has offices in other locations in Spain. It has modern accredited laboratories and facilities in Europe, as is the case of the Wind Turbine Test Laboratory (located in Sangüesa), a biomass laboratory, a thermal collector and photovoltaic module test laboratory, as well as a photovoltaic cell materials and processes laboratory.