

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE ENERGY D.G. OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION VISITS CENER

Sarriguren (Navarra), 15 April 2010.-Philip Lowe, Director General of the Energy D.G. of the European Commission has visited the headquarters of the National Renewable Energy Centre (CENER) this morning, where he was welcomed by the Director General of CENER, José Javier Armendáriz and the Technical Director, Fernando Sánchez.

Philip Lowe was in Pamplona to take part in the opening of the High-Level Seminar on Renewable Energies, which the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism has organised on the occasion of the Spanish Presidency of the EU, in collaboration with the Government of Navarra.

The Secretary of State for Energy, Pedro Marin, the Regional Minister of Innovation, Enterprise and Employment of the Government of Navarra, Jose M^a Roig, the Government Delegate in Navarra, Elma Saiz, and the Director General of IDAE (Institute for Energy Diversification and Saving), Enrique Jimenez Larrea, accompanied Philip Lowe during his visit to the national research centre. Mr. Lowe showed interest in the on-going projects, some of which are being developed in cooperation with other European centres, as well as in the cutting-edge technological infrastructures, as is the case of the laboratories related to solar energy or biofuels.

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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.

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