

CONFERENCE ON SPACE AND RENEWABLE ENERGIES

Sarriguren (Navarra), 15 March 2011.- “Renewable Energies and Space: seeking synergies” is the name of the conference that will be held on the 30th of March, whose aim is to identify the renewable energy needs that can be covered by the European Space Agency (ESA), within the context of its large-scale implementation. The financing opportunities offered by the ESA within the IAP programme to develop new space-based applications and services will be presented.

The conference is organised by the ESA with the collaboration of the National Renewable Energy Centre (CENER) as new Ambassador of the Space Agency.

Within the context of reducing the climate change and in line with the strategy to decrease energy dependence, renewable energies have become a priority all over the world. With this scenario, Europe has adopted ambitious objectives for the next decade (the so-called “20, 20, 20 objectives for 2020”) and a Strategic Energy Technology Plan (“SET-Plan”) which is based on the intensive use of renewable energies. The challenges of renewable energies to be among the main sources of the energy mix include the reduction of costs and large-scale installation and integration into the grid. Space technologies can play an essential role from the viewpoint of infrastructures and new services in the solutions that will facilitate the large-scale integration of renewable energies into the electrical grid.

The new IAP programme of the ESA provides funds for studies and projects whose aim is to define and develop new services that can be provided by the ESA.

The conference on the 30th of March will be held in Pamplona with the participation of representatives from the main international energy associations of the renewable sector, such as EWEA (European Wind Energy Association), EPIA (European Photovoltaic Industry Association), ESTELA SOLAR, and AEBIOM (European Biomass Energy Association). It is mainly aimed at technicians from companies, institutions and technology centres.

Registration is free but confirmation is essential, as there is limited capacity. For further information and enquiries, please contact:

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