

## THE BIOCLUS PROJECT BRINGS TOGETHER INTERNATIONAL TECHNICIANS AND INSTITUTIONAL REPRESENTATIVES AT CENER

**Sarriguren (Navarra), 20 October 2011.-** Discovering the technological infrastructures and capabilities to generate added value services is one of the main objectives of the visit by a Polish institutional delegation, which has visited the headquarters of the National Renewable Energy Centre in Sarriguren and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Biofuel Centre, whose final phase is still under construction and which is located in Aoiz, this morning.

The delegation was comprised of six representatives from the Rural Development and Agriculture Committee of the regional parliament and by members of the government of Wielkopolska.

This visit is one of the actions foreseen within the BIOCLUS European project, whose aim is to promote regional competitiveness, to strengthen and manage innovation and to improve research potential in the biomass sector. This project is financed by the 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme of the European Union, within the "Regions of Knowledge" Initiative, PF7/245438. It will last for three years (2010 to 2012) with the participation of 20 members from five European regions: Central Finland, Navarra, Western Macedonia (Greece), Slovakia and Wielkopolska (Poland).

Within the context of this same project, a group of technicians from technology centres and universities in Finland, Greece and Poland will also be spending the next few days at CENER. They will remain at the centre's facilities for two weeks, within a programme for the exchange and residence of experts to study, in this case, the pelletising and roasting systems carried out at the CENER plant in Aoiz. Roasting is a promising technology for the production of advanced solid biofuel and it is considered to be at the cutting edge of biomass treatment alternatives as an energy source.

More information: [www.bioclus.eu](http://www.bioclus.eu) [www.cener.com](http://www.cener.com)

### **Sobre CENER**

El **Centro Nacional de Energías Renovables** es un centro tecnológico de alta cualificación y prestigio internacional, especializado en la investigación aplicada y el desarrollo y fomento de las energías renovables. CENER cuenta con más de 200 investigadores y tiene actividad en los cinco continentes. El Patronato de CENER está compuesto por el Ministerio de Ciencia e Innovación, Ciemat, el Ministerio de Industria y el Gobierno de Navarra.

CENER desarrolla su actividad en seis áreas de trabajo en el campo de las energías: eólica, solar térmica y solar fotovoltaica, biomasa, arquitectura bioclimática, e integración en red de energías renovables. Su sede está ubicada en la Ciudad de la Innovación (Sarriguren-Navarra), aunque cuenta con oficinas en otros puntos de España. Dispone de modernos laboratorios acreditados e instalaciones tecnológicas que son referencia internacional, como es el caso del Laboratorio de Ensayo de Aerogeneradores (ubicado en Sangüesa), un laboratorio de biocombustibles, un laboratorio de ensayo de paneles térmicos y de módulos fotovoltaicos, así como un laboratorio de materiales y procesos de células fotovoltaicas. Recientemente se ha puesto en marcha el Centro de Biocombustibles de 2<sup>a</sup> Generación.

*For more information:*

*JULIA ELIZALDE (CHIEF COMM. AND EXT.AFF. OFFICER) Tel: 948 25 28 00  
[jelizalde@cener.com](mailto:jelizalde@cener.com) / [www.cener.com](http://www.cener.com)*