

“LOW CARBON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT”
ZARAGOZA (ARAGON, SPAIN) 19TH-20TH OCTOBER 2009

The meeting gathers technical experts and policymakers from Regional Governments and Business to discuss tackling climate change and ensuring sustainable low carbon development.

The meeting is part of the regions “road to Copenhagen”. Its aim is to produce suggestions to the SET Strategic Energy Technology Plan of the EU, in time for the EU’s high-level conference on 21st -22nd October in Stockholm.

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Monday, 19th October (Evening Session):

16.00h-Welcoming words:

1. Mr. Alfredo Boné Pueyo, Minister for the Environment of the Government of Aragon.
2. Mr. Arturo Aliaga López, Minister for Industry, Commerce and Tourism of the Government of Aragon.

16.30h-The session will be developed in three simultaneous thematic groups:

- **Thematic Group 1: Outlook and Future Perspectives of Renewable Energies.**

The session will begin with brief presentations from each participant explaining the current situation of renewable energies in his/her region. An open discussion will follow, identifying the main issues that regions face in deploying renewable energies in order to achieve the objectives of the EU Energy Package 20-20-20. There will be a focus on two issues:

1. Potential for centralized renewable energies -wind, wave, Central Solar Power, hydro- with reference to the super grid.
2. Potential for decentralised renewable energies -solar PV, CHP, ground source pumps etc.- with reference to smarter grids.

At the session, there will be 8 participants and one rapporteur who will be in charge of taking note of the session as well as to dynamize the discussion.

- **Thematic Group 2: Regional Challenges on Rational and Efficient Use of Energy.**

The session will begin with brief presentations from each participant on their main regional measures to improve energetic efficiency. Participants will then discuss in an open debate the key domestic issues and challenges in

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achieving a maximum of rational and efficient energy use. In the discussion there will be a special focus on specific technology on energy efficient use, such as ICT-enabled processes, green buildings, efficient lighting and efficient/electric vehicles. There will be also a look at regional policy support for each of the above.

At the session, there will be 8 participants and one rapporteur who will be in charge of taking note of the session as well as to dynamize the discussion.

- **Thematic Group 3: EU Perspectives and Outlook of Carbon Capture and Storage Implementation: technological and cost issues.**

The session will begin with a presentation by Dr. J. Adanés (Carbo-chemic Institute of Aragon) on the current status of carbon capture and storage technology, and the costs associated with it. Participants will then discuss in an open debate the advantages and disadvantages of this technology, as well as the difficulties in its implementation.

At the session, there will be 8 participants and one rapporteur who will be in charge of taking note of the session as well as to dynamize the discussion.

18.30h: End of session

Tuesday, 20th October (Morning Session):

9.30h: Presentation of the outcomes of each Thematic Group by the rapporteurs.

11.00h: Coffee break

11.30h: Two keynote presentations by prominent personalities of The Climate Climate and the scientific field.

12.30h: Discussion and formal approval of the suggestions for the SET Plan

13.30h: Closing session by the Regional Minister for the Environment of the Government of Aragon, Alfredo Boné Pueyo.

14.00h: Lunch

All sessions will take place in English or Spanish with English translation.