

The Renewable ENergy REgions Network (RENREN) is pleased to invite you to the

# Final Conference of the RENREN Project

Thursday, 18 October 2012  
Committee of the Regions, Rue Belliard 101,  
Brussels, Belgium.

Conference languages will be English, French, German and Spanish.

**Registration:** Please register until 11 October 2012 on the project website at [www.renren-project.eu](http://www.renren-project.eu) or by return mail to sender.  
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**We look forward to welcoming you.**

**Background:** The implementation of the ambitious EU energy targets requires substantial and committed efforts by regional governments alongside stakeholders at other levels. This is the case for both the 20% renewable energy target set for 2020 and further EU targets still to be agreed for subsequent decades.

Today some regions are already well ahead on renewable energy deployment, some are making slower progress, whereas others are still in the initial learning phase. Learning from each other and exchanging good practice is an important way of avoiding mistakes and a waste of time and effort. The EU programme INTERREG IV C is a valuable tool to finance this.

RENREN is now at the end of an INTERREG IV C project identifying policy choices to bring renewable energy online. This network, coordinated by Schleswig-Holstein (Germany), encompasses one small Member State and

13 regions from across Europe at various stages of experience, with different climatic conditions and with different administrative competencies.

Since early 2010, the partners have been identifying good practices, some of which are in the process of being transferred from one partner to another. Based on this, the RENREN partners have jointly drawn up a set of comprehensive Policy Recommendations addressed to regional governments across Europe to help them establish or further strengthen their own policies or strategies on renewable energies.

The final project results will be presented at the Conference hosted by the Committee of the Regions. In addition, an experts' panel will debate the means and measures available to regional governments to best contribute to achieving EU Energy targets. The choice of Conference venue is well suited to a discussion of regions' capacities in this field and how these relate to the needs of the European public.

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