

# The Key Role of Energy Management and Policies as Economic Drivers in Peripheral Regions

## ENERGY for the PERIPHERY



## 1. Final Report Summary

### 1.1 Objectives of the action

This project's objective is the organization of an event in Pamplona dealing with the central issues that the Energy Group of the CPMR (Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions) has been worked on from its beginning.

The Conference in Pamplona has summarized the Group's advance on one hand and, on the other, has dealt with issues that are the most relevant in energy aspects for the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions.

The objectives pursued with this project are the following ones:

- Exchange experiences and best practices between CPMR member regions regarding the following issues:
  - To get the most economic benefit from the development of renewable energies in its territory.
  - To develop market-orientated innovations.
  - To overcome economic, social and environmental limitations to their implementation.
  - To influence the demand for energy.
  - To guarantee the energy supply regarding the internal market, competitiveness and environmental protection.
- To defend the interests of the Peripheral Maritime Regions:
  - To make suggestions to the EU in order to help development the potential of the peripheral maritime regions regarding renewables.
  - To contribute towards the EU's energy objectives.
- To get different actors of the world of energy into contact (authorities, businessmen, consultants, training centres...) to facilitate contact and business between them.
- To detect future challenges in the field of energy generation, regulation and technological innovations.

We consider that the objectives aimed at in points 1, 2 and 4 have been mainly achieved, as we will see below, whereas the degree of achieving of objective 3 stays under the before mentioned ones.

We must say that a consequence very in favour of this Project has been the consolidation of the Energy Group of the CPMR, that continues with its activities beyond the ending of the Project 'Energy for the Periphery'.

## 1.2 Achieved results

1. Workshops in Stornoway and Leeuwarden done:
  - a. Main topics to the Conference of Pamplona identified
2. Conference celebrated:
  - a. Good level of satisfaction of the delegates
  - b. Conclusions Paper edited
  - c. Acknowledgment of Mr. Andris Piebalgs, Energy Commissioner
  - d. Participation of 3 MEP
3. A document prepared and presented to the EU Energy Commission with different initiatives (financing mechanisms, regional instruments and incentives, future trends affecting Peripheral Regions...) in order to boost renewables in Peripheral Regions (dead line 3 months after the Conference).
4. Maintenance of the CPMR Energy Group after the Conference to manage all initiatives and tasks produced as Conference conclusions.

## 1.3 Identified Problems and Corrective actions taken

The only aspect we consider worth mentioning was the priority given to the political part as opposed to the technical one when selecting the lecturers and delegates due to the real duration of the Conference (2 days).

This fact changed the source of income for the Conference as well as the potential targeted audience, what accounts for less number of attendants than predicted and a very small percentage (around 10%) of delegates coming from companies (the ones that sponsored the event).

As for the organization of the Workshops and Conference, the regular issues confirming the lecturers and last minute changes due to external problems (e.g. health problems). So that the Conference brochure is not the final version of the real lecturers.

These incidents were lessened by the organizer team (CPMR, Government of Navarre and specialized company in resources hiring for events), not having any repercussion in the image and quality of the Event.

#### 1.4 Activities and impact after the action

As mentioned above, we could summarize the impact of this project based on two issues:

1. Consolidation of the Energy Working Group as a permanent group. That means that its activities are disseminated in CPMR's communication activities (Congresses, Workshops, Website, Leaflets...)
  - a. Our next meeting will take place on 10 of May of 2007
2. Meeting with Mr. Andris Piebalgs, Energy Commissioner.

## 2. Group Management during the action

This project was developed by five partners from five regions and four countries:

- Spain (Navarre): Department of Industry and Department of European Affairs and Planning of Government of Navarre.
- CPMR: Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe
- Community Energy Plus/Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership
- Province of Fryslân / Northern Netherlands (SNN)
- Comhairle nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles Council)

This group formed the Steering Committee for the Group on Energy of the CPMR.

The head of this Group was the General Director of the Department of Industry of the Government of Navarre, who hold the presidency.

A member of CPMR was the person in charge of the coordination of the Group's work.

The rest of the members organized a Workshop in their respective regions as preliminary work sessions: Truro (Cornwall); Stornoway (Western Isles) and Leeuwarden (North Netherlands). These three workshops were the input in order to chose final topics for the Conference of Pamplona.

In this Group also participated: The *Foundation for Training in Renewable Energies* (Fundación para la Formación en Energías Renovables: CENÍFER), giving support in organizational tasks, presenting and justifying this Project to the Presidency of this Group, and ISLENET, bringing its technical expertise on RES and its knowledge on the European Islands peculiarities.

The mechanism followed to coordinate was the Steering Committee meetings. The Committee met four times in Brussels along the project's period.

- Third meeting of the Steering Committee of the Group on Energy: 27/03/06. The results of the Workshop held in Stornoway and some aspects related to the Workshop in Leeuwarden were analyzed in this meeting. This workshop was not exclusive of the Energy Working Group. It was organized within the context of ERE initiative (Energize Regional Economies: Sustainable Energy and Regional Economies).

- Fourth meeting of the Steering Committee of the Group on Energy: 26/04/06. This meeting was to evaluate the achievements obtained at the Workshop in Leeuwarden and to outline relevant aspects for the Conference in Navarre.
- Fifth meeting of the Steering Committee of the Group on Energy: 21/09/06 meeting was monographic about the preparation of the Conference in Pamplona.
- Sixth meeting of the Steering Committee of the Group on Energy: 9/01/07. In this meeting an agreement about the Group's achievements was reached, there was also an identification of new actions to undertake and there were reflections on the Steering Committee itself and its members. The opportunity was taken to inform about the writing of these Reports for the European Commission.

Currently, the Steering Committee is still working (and not only in the preparation of these reports). Next meeting will take place in Brussels on 10 May, before being received by Mr. Andris Piebalgs.

Some Minutes of these meetings are available in the deliverables file (annexes).

### 3. Work Progress Assessment and Achievements

This part is divided into four work packages:

#### 1. Work Package 1: Pre-Event activities

The activities carried out in this category include all the ones that took place until the Conference in Pamplona was held. It was the longest lasting stage and it followed the plans defined in the project presented to the Commission:

- It was decided what issues to deal with in the Conference.
- The most interesting lecturers were identified.
- Contacts were made with local, regional and national representatives of member Regions of the CPMR.
- The website of the Group on Energy was designed (<http://www.crpm.org/index.php?act=6,1,2,15>) and website of the Conference 'Energy for the Periphery' (<http://www.cenifer.com/pages/nivel2.asp?idSub=20&idm=eng&idAp=4>)

- The brochure for the Conference was designed.
- Sponsors were found. See sent letter in Annexes.
- There were two mailings addressed to all CPMR members, both in electronic and paper format.
- Two papers were issued.
- The Conference was presented through regional media.
- There were contacts with personalities both at European and national level.
- The Conference was organized as it was reflected in the project approved by IEE Initiative.

A very important aspect of this Work Package was the organization and carrying out of the Workshops in order to identify the papers and lecturers to take part in the Conference in Navarre.

The first Workshop took place in Truro (Cornwall, 19-20 September 2005). As it is not within the eligible period, we will not make any comments about it, but it is important in order to understand the development of the work logic.

Next Workshop was held in Stornoway, on 21-22 February 2006, and the last one took place in Leeuwarden on 5 and 6 April 2006.

Information about participants, conclusions and minutes of both Workshops is attached.

At the end of that work package, everything was ready to carry out the Conference.

## 2. Work Package 2: Event Activities

This section includes all the activities along the Conference meetings.

The results achieved compared to the anticipated were as follows:

- number of delegates: we predicted a minimum of 150 delegates, whereas the real number was 64, that means a 43% of the estimated number.
- As for the delegates' profile, we intended to get a varied representation of all relevant actors in energy issues. (Local and Regional Authorities, Big and small businessmen, as well as businessmen associations, Regional Development Agencies, Related professionals: engineers, architects, plumbers, electricians, building companies, Universities, Vocational Training Centres, Research and Innovation Centres, Environmental organizations, social organizations). Actually, the largest sample was made up by regional and national representatives related to energy and environmental issues, R&D centres and a university representative. The representation of companies' delegates was less than first predicted.

The reason for these two results is that it was decided that this Conference would have more of a political, social and research nature than economic. That's why the fundamental targeted audience was the CPMR regions. Sponsor companies were invited (Acciona Energía, Gamesa Eólica, Ingeteam, Gas Natural Eólica, MTorres y Eólica Navarra, Grupo Enhol), as well as national and regional organizations interested in the contents of the Conference.

- Level of Satisfaction of the delegates:  
Only ten out of the 95 satisfaction questionnaires handed in were filled out and returned, which means that the sample size is a 11%. Despite being a low figure, we believe it representative.  
As a conclusion, the satisfaction level, as it can be seen in previous report (pages 6 and 7) is satisfactory for every item except the length of debates.

### 3. Work Package 3: Post- event activities

This section includes the evaluation activities of the achievements obtained along this started work process.

The obtained results were:

- To include all the papers in the Group on Energy website (<http://www.crpm.org/index.php?act=6,1,2,15>), as well as the rest of relevant documents produced.
- A report with the inputs to the Green Paper on a European Strategy for Sustainable, Competitive and Secure Energy
- Meeting with Mr. Andris Piebalgs, Energy Commissioner.
- The decision to continue with the Group on Energy.
- Dissemination activities: to inform in CPMR meetings and in its messages to CPMR's associates about the activities of the Group on Energy.

### 4. Work Package 4: Reporting Activities

This section is addressed to the activities of writing different reports, both technical and financial, for the Commission. It also includes the activities of gathering information out of different sources: persons, websites or other files and records (electronic or physical) aiming at reporting in the most accurate and complete possible.

The outcome is the required reports: result oriented report, annexes, confidential management report, publishable summary, summary in PowerPoint and financial statement.

<b>Nº and Name of work package</b>	<b>Type of Indicator:</b> P= Performance R= Result I= Impact Q= Quality	<b>Description of the Indicator</b>	<b>Level of Execution (realization)</b>
Work Package 1: Pre-Event activities	R  P I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Workshops done</li> <li>○ All Conference arrangements done</li> <li>○ SC Meetings celebrated</li> <li>○ Workshops Conclusion's documents done and sent to MEP's</li> </ul>	100%
Work Package 2: Event Activities	R I  Q	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Conference done</li> <li>○ Conclusion's document done and sent to MEP's</li> <li>○ Satisfaction Questionnaire designed</li> <li>○ SQ applied</li> </ul>	100%
Work Package 3: Post- event activities	R I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Presentations on the Website</li> <li>○ Green Paper Comments</li> <li>○ Meeting Mr Piebalgs</li> <li>○ Dissemination In CPMR's activities</li> </ul>	100%  75%
Work Package 4: Reporting Activities	P	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reports done</li> </ul>	100%

#### 4. Review of deliverables

As it can be checked in the Annexes, some deliverables have been developed during the project. In spite of we did not specify a set of deliverables, most of them, have been mentioned as results or indicators.

Below, we list these deliverables.

Del. N°	Description	Remarks
1	Project website	Developed on time
2	Stornoway Workshop: Agenda	
3	Stornoway Workshop: Questionnaire	
4	Stornoway Workshop: List of Participants	
5	Stornoway Workshop: Minutes	
6	Stornoway Workshop: Conclusions	
7	Stornoway Workshop: Invitation to the EWG meeting	
8	Leeuwarden Programme	
9	Leeuwarden Conclusions	
10	Pamplona Brouchure	
11	Pamplona final Agenda	
12	Pamplona Conference & Visits Photographs	
13	Pamplona List of Participants	
14	Pamplona Conference Conclusions	
15	Pamplona Satisfaction Questionnaire summary	
16	Pamplona Conference Press news (5)	Diario de Navarra (3) Cuadernos de la Energía (1) Press release
17	Pamplona Conference's Presentations	13
18	Green Paper Comments	
19	Minutes last meeting in Brussels (10/01/2007)	

## 5. Conclusions

An aspect we would like to highlight is the great work atmosphere that reigned so much in the project follow-up meetings as in the workshops and the Conference.

Both the President and the Group of Energy Coordinator are the main ones to be 'blamed' for this. A solid relationship has arisen along these months of work, helping to get closer regions so diverse like the ones that form the Group of Energy .

We consider the proposed objectives to be mainly achieved:

- The Conference managed to get together an important group of delegates from different Regions, as well as representatives from European bodies relevant in energy issues at technical and regulations areas, thus creating a forum to reflect on energy issues (renewable energies, energy efficiency...) at an European Regional level.
- The work of the Group on Energy is consolidated and carries out its work beyond the Conference, as it shows the meeting with the European Energy Commissioner.
- The input to the above-mentioned Green Paper is an example of participation of the Regions in the EU politics.
- We contributed to the dissemination of European initiatives in energy issues and, specifically of programmes SAVE and ALTERNER.

In the future, the Group on Energy will keep fostering the role of peripheral and maritime Regions with a great potential for renewable energies production.