



Side Event 14 April 2011 in Brussels

Powering Regions for the 21st Century

14.00-17.00, House of the Dutch Provinces



This conference presents two European projects exploring regional authorities' influence on an energy landscape, which increasingly features renewables and energy efficiency. What policies should regional authorities deploy to help these sectors overcome barriers in planning, financing, skills, research and other key areas?

Moderator: *Gaja Pellegrini-Bettoli*

14.00-14.10 **Official Opening by Project RENREN**

Cordelia Andreßen

14.10-14.20 **Presentation of the Project MORE4NRG**

Karin Maatje

14.20-14.40 **The Importance of Regional and Proactive Joint Partnerships in the EU**

Karl Kellner

14.40-15.00 **RENREN: How can European Regions Support Renewable Energies?**

Thomas Engelke

15.00-15.20 **Results on Policy and Practical Level from MORE4NRG**

Diny Weener

15.20-15.40 **Short Break**

15.40-16.00 **Sustainable Energy Policies in European Regions**

– Outcome of survey & the need of good practice

Justyna Podralska

16.00-17.00 **Panel Discussion:**

What can Regions do to Support the European Targets for RES?

- How to overcome regional differences?
- How do we come from “best practice” to policy transfer?

Karl Kellner - Thomas Engelke - Karin Maatje - Justyna Podralska

17.00 **Summary of the Event**

Mingle, snacks and drinks

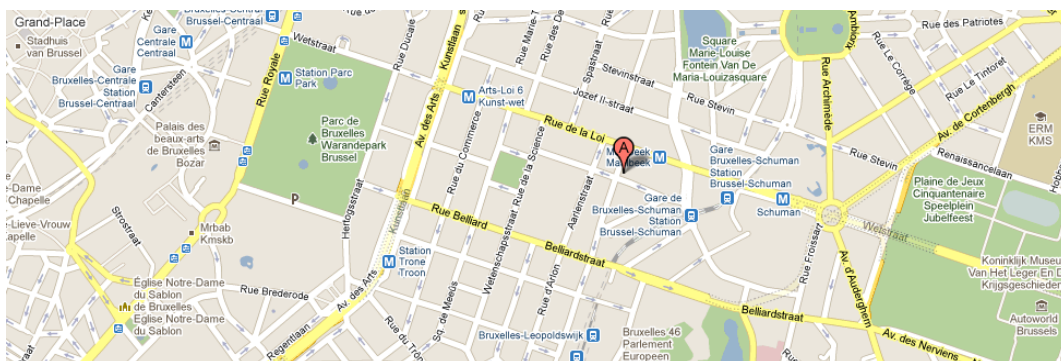


The speakers:

- Gaja Pellegrini-Bettoli* International communications professional
- Cordelia Andreßen* Secretary of State - Ministry of Science, Economic Affairs and Transport, Land Schleswig-Holstein
- Karin Maatje* Project Manager. Representation of Province Flevoland
- Karl Kellner* European Commission – DG Energy. New and Renewable Energy Sources, Energy Efficiency and Innovation
- Thomas Engelke* Hanse-Office. Joint Representation of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg and the State of Schleswig-Holstein to the EU
- Diny Weener* Policy Advisor Sustainability. Representation of Province Flevoland
- Justyna Podralska* Assembly of European Regions – Project Coordinator

RENREN, Renewable Energy Regions Network, and MORE4NRG (both funded under INTERREG IVC) aim to exchange best practice in sustainable energy policies. They are presented alongside a panel discussion of these issues.

Welcome



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Regional cooperation and
 good practice exchange for
 sustainable energy

