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European Environment Agency



Invitation: Renewables 2004, side event on energy subsidies

The executive director of the European Environment Agency, Professor Jacqueline McGlade, the executive director of the United Nations Environment Programme, Professor Klaus Töpfer, and the Minister of the German Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Jürgen Trittin, have the pleasure to invite you to a side event to Renewables 2004 on energy subsidies.

The director of the European Environment Agency will present a report, *Energy subsidies in the European Union – a brief overview*, which has been prepared for the occasion of Renewables 2004. The report provides an estimate of subsidies in the fifteen old EU countries, and discusses the role of renewable energy subsidies in supporting security of supply and environmental targets.

The United Nations Environment Programme will present the results of an IEA/UNEP study *Energy subsidies – Lessons learned in assessing their impacts and designing policy reforms*. The report has been compiled on the basis of nine case studies and a series of workshops all over the world.

The German Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety will present the outcomes of a recent study on the *reform of coal subsidies in Germany*. The study demonstrates that if instead of subsidizing coal, subsidies were directed towards renewables and energy efficiency, more jobs would have been created whilst the environment would have benefited too.

The outcomes of the panel discussion are expected to support the discussions in the Ministerial roundtables on Policies for renewable energy market development.

The side event will take place on **Tuesday 1 June**, between **18:30 and 20:00h**.

The venue is: Haus der Geschichte, room Multivision
Willy-Brandt-Allee 14, Bonn.

The Haus der Geschichte is at the west side of the Willy-Brandt-Allee, opposite Welckerstraße, next to the metro station Heussallee/Museumsmeile.
Drinks and snacks will be served.

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