FORUM

« Towards 100% renewables - cities & regions shaping a new energy model »

Monday 26 September 2016, 5-7pm
Room 200, Cité des Congrès, Nantes (France)
Organisers : CLER, Energy Cities

Debate and official release of “100% REN territories”, a report by Energy Cities and CLER.

Objectives of this forum: Highlight the commitments and achievements by cities and regions tending towards 100% renewable energies.

Session format

15 min  Introduction and presentation of the “100% REN territories” report

30 min  Visioning the renewable future: challenges around the globe

- Mr Jasper Rigter, Associate Programme Officer - Remap 2030, IRENA
- Ms. Laura Martín Murillo, Directeur, Fundacion Renovables (Spain)
- Ms. Agnès Langevine - Vice-President Occitanie Region / Pyrénées-Méditerranée (France)

20 min  Q&A with the audience

30 min  100% RES masterplan: new urban and rural dynamics

- Mr. Damien Grataloup - Project manager Energy and sustainable land planning at Saint-Etienne Métropole and City of Saint-Etienne (France)
- Ms Dalila El Harras - Director Municipal Development Agency, City of Chefchaouen (Morocco)
- Mr. Mikael Jentsch - CEO & Director of Development and Technique Frederikshavn Municipality (Denmark)

30 min  Q&A with the audience
The Context:
After the Lyon Summit, the COP21 with the Paris Agreement was a formidable accelerator for raising awareness of climate challenges and raise the ambitions of non-state actors. By accepting the objective of remaining below 2 °C in global warming, and as far as possible at 1.5 °C, the Paris Agreement fixed a clear course towards energy transition. Local authorities, and particularly cities worldwide, have clearly understood this. On 4 December, during the Climate Summit for Local Leaders, organised at the Paris City Hall, over 700 local authorities made strong commitments, in particular to use 100% renewable energies by 2050. A dynamic movement has begun. The challenge in 2016 and 2017 is to transform this ambition into tangible changes.

The Debate:
Cities can and wish to be leaders in this transition to a low-carbon, decentralised and more participative energy model. To achieve this, they need to co-build with other actors, in and around their regions.

Initiatives have been launched on all continents accompanied by significant democratic changes with increased participation by inhabitants and the start of renewable energy production projects through citizen investment - all of this contributes to the appropriation of the issues and energy choices by the population. How do they do it? What obstacles need to be overcome?

To continue the dynamic movement of 2015, it is important for the first cities to translate their 100% renewable energy targets into concrete actions to move to this trajectory. Listen to cities and organisations that have implemented or envisage implementing upscalable transformation actions that move towards 100% renewable energy. The forum will be peer-learning opportunity around exemplary achievements, approaches and perspectives.

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