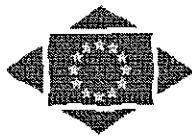


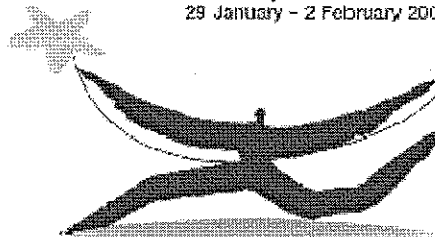
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Subject: Invitation to the seminar "Financing Local and Regional Sustainable Energy Solutions" on 1 February 2007 at the CoR Premises

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the pleasure of inviting you to attend the seminar "Financing Local and Regional Sustainable Energy Solutions" organised by the Committee of the Regions and FEDARENE (European Federation of Regional Energy and Environment Agencies) in the framework of the first EU Sustainable Energy Week. The seminar will take place on **1 February 2007 at 2.30 pm** at the Committee of the Regions.

Local and regional authorities are playing a key role in promoting renewable energy and energy efficiency, many of them giving substantial priority to sustainable energy solutions. However, the implementation of such energy concepts under their management may often fail due to a lack of money and/or knowledge of existing financial mechanisms.

This seminar will focus on the financial instruments which local and regional authorities can apply in order to achieve sustainable energy projects. The first part will comprise an overview of instruments offered by the EU and national levels, as well as by the private banking sector, for financing local and regional action in the field of sustainable energy. Several case studies of successful regional financing models will be presented during the second part.

For further details, please find enclosed the provisional programme for the seminar.

In addition, an exhibition of stands illustrating successful examples of local and regional sustainable energy solutions will be presented from 30 January to 1 February 2007.

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You are kindly requested to register through the following links:

Firstly, as a user on the EUSEW website by creating your own username and password

<http://www.eusew.eu/page.cfm?page=registration>

Secondly, for the actual seminar itself

<http://www.eusew.eu/page.cfm?page=events&selEvent=51>

Due to security arrangements at the Committee of the Regions, please note that registration is mandatory. **Deadline for registration: Monday, 22 January 2007.**

Interpretation for this seminar will be available in English, French and German.

I look forward to hearing from you and I remain

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Delebarre', written over a horizontal line.

Michel Delebarre

Annexe: Draft Programme of the Seminar