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Climate Alliance news

- 1) EU Energy Performance of Buildings Directive

The European Commission had launched a public consultation on the recasting of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive. The Climate Alliance has delivered a comment to it. Topics of the comment are amongst others the funding of refurbishment of buildings, energy management of buildings, the role of public authorities and adaptation to climate change.

<http://www.climatealliance.org/index.php?id=138&L=0>

2) Eco Relay in Austria and South Tyrol

From 5 to 22 July the eco relay was out with bicycles, inline skates and rickshaws across Austria to promote climate friendly methods of locomotion and fair trade products. 7,000 participants in 130 municipalities took part in the action organised by Climate Alliance Austria. On the 1,800 kilometre tour an eco relay rucksack with fair trade products has been handed over from one municipality to the next.

Three days long, from 24 to 26 July, hundreds of people will move with environmentally friendly means of transportation through 27 Climate Alliance municipalities in the Autonomous Province of Bolzano. With it they point to the necessity of climate protection measures and in the context of the world-wide struggle against poverty to the bargain of fair trade products.

<http://www.oekostaffel.at>

3) City biking and European Mobility Week

City biking is the action in Germany developed by the Climate Alliance for the European Mobility Week for the year 2008. Matching with the main topic "Clean air for all" the action serves the zero-emission-vehicle bicycle in the local city transport. Biking is active climate protection.

In the meantime about thirty cities and municipalities have registered for the urban competition "city biking". Parliamentarians of cities and municipalities and further team members will pedal powerfully and collect as many bicycle-kilometres as possible during an action period of three weeks.

<http://www.localclimateprotection.eu/index.php?id=663&L=0>

European Mobility Week - 16 to 22 September 2008

<http://www.mobilityweek.eu>

4) International Climate Alliance Conference 2009

23 and 24 April 2009 in Brussels

We organise the conference together with the annual meeting of the city network Energie-Cités.

Rainforest news

5) Peru: Uncontacted indigenous killed by loggers

According to an indigenous organisation uncontacted indigenous in Peru are being killed and having their houses burned to the ground by illegal loggers. The loggers have invaded a reserve set aside for uncontacted peoples and built an illegal network of roads to transport the wood, says a statement from Cipiacci (an indigenous organisation set up to defend uncontacted peoples). These incidents are occurring very close to the area where the photos of an uncontacted tribe in Brazil were taken recently.

<http://www.survival-international.org/news/3434>

6) The deforestation of tropical forests proceeds

The human being cut a swath through the tropical forests. Satellite images show that still as much rainforest has been destroyed as 20 years ago. 27 million hectares of rainforest vanished in the years from 2000 to 2005. That is an area larger than Great Britain.

Only in German:

http://www.stern.de/wissenschaft/natur/625633.html?nv=nl_WissenschaftGesundheit27-2008

7) Video shows attack on indigenous village in Brazil

A video released by the Indigenous Council of Roraima and Survival International shows the moment when hired gunmen attacked a Makuxi village in Brazil. Although the Makuxi live in an officially recognised reserve, several powerful farmers are occupying illegally the territory and refusing to move. Gunmen hired by these farmers regularly attack the indigenous people. The video shows gunmen firing assault rifles and throwing homemade bombs at an unarmed group of Makuxi. Ten Makuxi were wounded in the attack, six of them children.

<http://www.survival-international.org/news/3389>

News from Europe

8) Sustainable Energy Europe Award

The annual Awards Competition is an integral part of the Sustainable Energy Europe Campaign that is also supported by the Climate Alliance. It provides the opportunity to highlight the successes of ambitious and innovative programmes or actions. The

competition is open to all projects submitted between November 2007 and 31 October 2008. The winners will be rewarded during a ceremony that will be held in Brussels at 10 February 2009.

http://www.sustenergy.org/tpl/page.cfm?pageName=award_competition

9) Standards for standby energy consumption

The Ecodesign Regulatory Committee of the EU Member States endorsed the Commission's proposal for a regulation reducing standby energy consumption of household and office products. The regulation lays down energy efficiency requirements for all products sold in Europe, thus cutting the EU's standby electricity consumption by almost 75 percent by 2020. The standby regulation is scheduled to be adopted by the EU Parliament in this year.

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/08/1117&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

10) Aviation to be included in EU emissions trading

In July 2008 MEPs adopted legislation on including aviation in the EU Emissions Trading System. All flights starting and/or landing in Europe will be included in the emissions trading beginning in 2012. In the first period the airline emissions will be cut by 3 percent based on the historic average; emissions will be reduced by further 2 percent in 2013. 15 percent of the emissions certificates should be auctioned.

http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/expert/infopress_page/064-33577-189-07-28-911-20080707IPR33572-07-07-2008-2008-false/default_en.htm

11) EU greenhouse gas emission data 2006

In July the European Environment Agency (EEA) has published new figures regarding the greenhouse gas emissions of the EU countries. Greenhouse gas emissions in the EU decreased slightly between 2005 and 2006 according to the official inventory report prepared by the EEA. Thus the EU-15 reached emission reductions in the amount of 0.8 percent in the year 2006 and stand 2.7 percent under the data of 1990 - the target is minus 8 percent.

<http://www.eea.europa.eu/highlights/eea-reports-on-progress-in-greenhouse-gas-emissions-reductions-in-2006>

Information

12) Agrofuels poorly rated by OECD survey

The support of agrofuels in the EU and North America is poorly rated by the newest survey of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) - just as three further renowned studies through the World Bank, the British government and the Joint Research Centre of the EU Commission see it. The agrofuels save only barely 0.8 percent CO2 until 2015, however cause annually climbing expenses in tens of millions. For the transport sector the survey recommends to favour reduced fuel consumption and less alternative fuel.

http://www.oecd.org/document/28/0,3343,en_2649_201185_41013916_1_1_1,00.html

Climate Alliance about agrofuels:

<http://www.climatealliance.org/index.php?id=10&L=0>

13) Learning Journeys - Discount for Climate Alliance members

From now on Climate Alliance members get 10 percent discount on individual and standardised educational trips of team red. The topics of the Learning Journeys are amongst others energy efficient mobility, transport safety and sustainable tourism in Germany and neighbouring countries.

The next Learning Journey "New energy for transport" leads to Berlin and Frankfurt (Oder) from 22 to 24 September 2008.

<http://www.learning-journey.com>

Events

14) International Symposium Gleisdorf Solar

3 - 5 September 2008 in Gleisdorf, Austria

<http://www.aee-intec.at/index.php?seitenName=veranstaltungenDetail&veranstaltungId=114&lang=en>

15) Minewater08 - Discover local sources of sustainable energy

1 - 2 October 2008 in Aachen (DE) and Heerlen (NL)

We examined the use of a source that lay hidden under our feet for decades. But the conference isn't just about the Minewater

Project. Our aim is to inspire you to discover and use your own local sources of sustainable energy.

<http://www.minewater08.eu>

16) Renexpo® 2008 - Conference and International Trade Fair for Renewable Energy & Energy Efficient Building and Renovation

9 - 12 October 2008 in Augsburg, Germany

<http://www.renexpo.de/index.php?id=7&L=1>

17) International Conference for Enhanced Building Operations

20 - 22 October 2008 in Berlin

<http://esl.eslwin.tamu.edu/icebo/home.html>

18) World Summit of Regions - Climate Change: Regions in Action

29 - 30 October 2008 in Saint-Malo, France

<http://www.worldsummitofregions.org/en/index.php>

... and for entertainment:

<http://www.game-over-co2.com/>