

COGEN Europe (Poznan): An integrated energy policy is needed to deliver an integrated, low carbon, energy solution

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On December 5th at the Trade Centre in Poznan, COGEN Europe highlights the urgent need to develop an Energy Integration Policy. Launching the Energy Integration Project during the "Econcern Sustainable Energy Event", COGEN Europe will outline the challenges already understood from integration in the real world of cogeneration and outline a practical route to the target carbon levels needed for sustainability. The project will present its findings in Copenhagen in 2009.

COGEN Europe's "Energy Integration Project" (EIP) will focus politicians, policy makers and citizens on the practical steps needed to create a sustainable future. The project takes up the challenge of integrating different sustainable energy approaches: renewables, energy efficiency, cogeneration, etc. into one demand/supply concept. Cogeneration installations already face the challenge of supplying energy: both heat and electricity, together on one site. The EIP challenges the traditional ideas of where and how to start the process and using lessons learned from cogeneration identifies where the real challenges lie.

Building on work carried out in several studies including work by the International Energy Agency CHP/DH Collaborative, COGEN Europe, the World Alliance for Decentralised Energy (WADE), and others, the EIP will scope the size of the challenge facing two metropolitan areas and identify alternative paths and timescales to reaching target carbon levels. Using knowledge developed through practical experience of managing heat and electricity supply together, the project will identify the range of successful policy tools which create a supportive structure for the integrated supply of energy.

The EIP will explore the synergetic effects of integrating various approaches over the individual optimisation and will finally recommend a mix of technical, economic, regulatory and other measures, including behavioural changes, to fulfil the long term sustainability target for big metropolitan areas in Europe.

The EIP seminar will be delivered by Mr. Kees den Blanken and is part of the "Econcern Sustainable Energy Event" in Poznan 1-12 December 2008.

See for details and for registration at

http://www.cop14poznan.com/index.php?option=com_eventregistration&Itemid=94

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