

# European Technology Platforms Conference 2010

## Workshop A1

# Low-Carbon Energy Technologies: Social Dialogue

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### Focus

The transition to a sustainable energy system has been identified as one of the main societal challenges of the next decades. To reach this goal, the availability of clean and affordable energy technologies, going far beyond the current state of the art is indispensable. The Strategic Energy Technology Plan (SET Plan) addresses this challenge by mobilising all relevant European stakeholders to enable or facilitate the development of clean energy technologies.

However, the availability of technology is only part of the picture. Successful deployment of technologies also has to take into account users and those affected by the technology. Lack of awareness and acceptance, for example, may constitute important barriers to dissemination. Furthermore, the increasingly complexity of energy systems, linking together many different distributed generators and millions of users of very different scales, requires more and more interaction between producers and consumers.

This dialogue with society will be the main theme of this session. Representatives of energy-related ETPs will report on their activities and their experiences.

### 1. Objectives

- Present strategies and examples of activities of energy relevant ETPs to engage in a social dialogue with people concerned/concerned people.
- Discuss the experience gained so far on interaction with the civil society.
- Identify potential demand for a common approach of different ETPs to address awareness/acceptance problems of energy technologies.

### 2. Speakers

- *Not in my backyard – how to tackle acceptance problems of wind turbines*  
Lise Backer VESTAS, Wind Energy ETP
- *Meeting the social dialogue issues faced in radioactive waste management* Torsten Eng, Swedish Nuclear Fuel and Waste Management Co
- *Interaction with consumers* - Philip Lewis, CEO VaasaETT
- *The Social Platform on Sustainable Lifestyles* - Satu Lähteenoja, UNEP/Wuppertal Institute Collaborating Centre on Sustainable Consumption and Production (CSCP)

### 3. Chair and rapporteur

- Chair: Rob Kool, SENTER NOVEM
- Rapporteur: Simone Landolina, Renewable Heating and Cooling ETP