



# ESHA Member Newsletter 01

## July 2012

### Foreword

Dear members and supporters of ESHA,

From this edition onwards, ESHA's members will receive a brief internal monthly update on ESHA's activities. Overall aim is to inform you about important developments and activities concerning the small hydropower sector and to enable you to take part, contribute to and profit from ESHA's diverse actions.

With best wishes,

Your ESHA Secretariat

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### Policy

- **Participate in new ESHA Friday Policy Chat!** – With more and more members interested in taking part in ESHA's policy work (through the Policy Working Group), Project and Policy Manager Oliver Jung organises a one hour information exchange on Skype every second Friday at 14.00. Next dates will be the 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of July as well as the 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of August. The main aim of this on-line meeting is to get information on ESHA's current policy activities and provide support to Oliver. If you are willing to participate, please [him](#) for further details.
- **Final list of ESHA policy priorities and main positions** – They were adopted in Wroclaw in May 2012. The document is available [here](#).
- **Consultation on expected EC Water Blueprint** – ESHA and its members participated in this important on-line consultation on the future of EU water policy. Please find ESHA's response [here](#).
- **New contacts with DG Enterprise** – ESHA's President Marko Gospodjinački and the representative of Småkraftforeninga, the Norwegian Small Hydropower Association, Henrik Glette established new links with representatives from DG Enterprise. During a meeting, they discussed possible joint measures to promote the small hydropower sector in Europe and abroad.
- **CIS Workshop on Hydro morphology 12-13 June** – [Christine van Oldeneel \(HEA-E\)](#) attended the meeting on behalf of ESHA. The presentations made during the workshop are available [here](#).
- **Consultation on IEE III in Horizon 2020** – The EC launched a consultation on Horizon 2020 and IEE III. If you are interested in the future of Europe's research policy, please send your comments to us or respond by the 5<sup>th</sup> of September [here](#).
- **EU Energy Policy** – the European Commission presented on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June its *Communication on its renewable energy policy*, outlining options for the period beyond 2020 [[see document](#) & [EREC press release](#)]. The European Council failed to adopt the conclusions on the *Energy Roadmap 2050* [[see document](#) & [EREC press release](#)].
- **Study on cost analysis series for renewable energy technologies** – IRENA published an interesting study on this topic, including a part on hydro. [read IRENA study on hydro](#).
- **Who can come to Brussels on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of September?** Make your voice heard at EREC's event on the *Future Development of Renewable Electricity Support Schemes* [19 Sep, [info&registration](#)] and at Eurelectric's workshop on *Blueprint for Europe's Waters: the Role of the Power Sector* [20 Sep, [info&registration](#) not free of charge]. We need your expertise in Brussels at these two important events.

## PR & Communication

- The Secretariat finalised and followed up on **hidroenergia 2012** in June. This year's ESHA's traditional congress and trade fair (Wrocław, Poland, 23-26 May 2012) attracted more than 600 participants including twelve sponsors and 52 exhibitors from 44 countries. Discover on the [hidroenergia website](#) where the next edition in 2014 will take place!
  - **Kleinwasserkraft Österreich**, the Austrian Small Hydropower Association, published an article on *hidroenergia 2012* provided by the Secretariat in its *magazine*. Read more about it [here](#).
  - More than 160 participants visited **ESHA's event during the Open Day of Renewable Energy House** in Brussels on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June. The Secretariat gave a presentation on ESHA at this occasion.
  - ESHA's President Marko Gospodjinački gave a **video presentation on ESHA and the EU small hydropower sector during the Expo APEMEC**, a trade fair and conference for the small hydro sector, in Santiago, Chile, on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June.
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## EU co-sponsored projects

- ESHA's flagship project **Stream Map** ended after three years in May 2012. Its main results are the [HYDI database](#) containing energy, market and policy information about the small hydropower sector in the 27 EU member states and the SHP Roadmap which lines out the prerequisites for the development of the sector. The Secretariat will publish the final version of the Roadmap together with a final project report by the end of July. For more information, please contact [Martina Steinkusz](#).
  - ESHA's new flagship project **RESTOR Hydro** started with a kick-off meeting including a training session on IEE project management in Brussels on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of June. The project will continue updating the HYDI database, will develop an EU-wide database of former SHP sites which are able to be refurbished/re-activated and will promote cooperatives as an investment tool for SHP sites. If interested, please contact Secretary General and Project Coordinator [Dirk Hendricks](#).
  - In the framework of the project **StoRE**, the Secretariat organised a third round table in Brussels on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June to consult relevant stakeholders on the European regulatory and market framework to facilitate storage. For more information, please contact [Oliver Jung](#).
  - **Hydroaction** was officially closed in mid-June after final negotiations with the European Commission came to an end.
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## Membership

- For all new and old members, ESHA Secretariat kindly asks to pay any outstanding membership fees to allow the smooth functioning of the office. Please contact [Ben Dewitte](#) on this matter in case of questions.
- **Highlight your events** on ESHA's [event calendar](#)! Please provide [Ben Dewitte](#) with the event name, place, dates and website link.
- Remember that **ESHA members benefit from reductions** when visiting ESHA supported events such as HYDRO 2012. Check out the [event calendar](#) for more details.
- Provide us with **information for the external newsletter** that is scheduled for the end of August.