



ESHA Member Newsletter 02

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Foreword

Dear members and supporters of ESHA,

We trust that you could renew your personal energy over summer. The ESHA Secretariat used the politically quiet summer break to prepare the upcoming EU policy battles which will bring some challenges to the SHP sector development.

After nearly two years, Project and Office Assistant Ben Dewitte left the Secretariat to take up new challenges. We cordially thank him for his great work and for being a fantastic colleague.

Wishing you a productive autumn season,

Your ESHA Secretariat

Policy

- **ESHA Friday Policy Chats back on 14 Sept. 2PM!** They will take place every week. Agendas will be available on Wednesdays. Send your Skype user name and possible topics for discussion to [Oliver Jung](#).
- ESHA sent **a letter in support of small hydropower to the Danish government**. Find it [here](#).
- ESHA provided **comments to the consultation on Intelligent Energy – Europe III in Horizon 2020**. Find the document [here](#).
- Eurelectric issued a **publication on taxes and levys in 2011**. Find it [here](#).
- The Smart Energy for Europe Platform launched a **comparison of major EU energy scenarios and roadmaps towards 2050**. Please find them [here](#).

PR & Communication

- ESHA published an article on small hydro in the **European Energy Innovation Magazine**. Find it [here](#).
- ESHA's article on SHP's untapped potential in the **New Energy's** August edition can be read [here](#).

EU co-sponsored projects

- After ESHA's flagship project **Stream Map** ended after three years in May 2012, the Secretariat spent the summer weeks finalizing the reports for the European Commission. Key project results include the [EU-27 SHP Roadmap](#) including a summary of its key recommendations in EN, FR, DE, IT LT, PL, PT, RO, SI and SE. We will soon provide you with more detailed information. For more information on the project, please contact [Martina Steinkusz](#).
- Work started on ESHA's new flagship project **RESTOR Hydro** with communication tools becoming available soon.

Membership and Opportunities

- Check out the schedule and curriculum for the [Post-graduate Course in Sustainable Hydropower for 2013](#) in Vienna.
- If you are interested in participating in the current **FP 7** call and/or in opportunities to finance your project through **EU Structural Funds**, please contact [Dirk Hendricks](#).
- **Highlight your events** on ESHA's [event calendar](#)! Please provide [Dirk Hendricks](#) with the event name, place, dates and website link.
- Remember that **ESHA members benefit from reductions** when visiting ESHA supported events (see event calendar).
- Do not hesitate to provide [Martina Steinkusz](#) with **information for the external newsletter**.