



# ESHA Member Newsletter 05

## January 2013

### Foreword

Dear members and supporters of ESHA,

ESHA kicked-off the New Year with an extremely ambitious campaign. We are looking to broadening and strengthening the European small hydropower base by motivating everybody to recruit new members on board. How it works:

- 1.) Everybody can subscribe a new ESHA member and/or sponsor except ESHA staff members;
- 2.) The recruiter will receive a 20% commission on the respective membership/sponsorship fee for 2013 following
  - a. The complete registration of the new member/sponsor,
  - b. A short confirmation e-mail from the recruiter and recruited entity about this agreement (to be sent to [info@esha.be](mailto:info@esha.be)), and
  - c. The receipt of the payment of the membership/sponsorship fee for 2013 of the recruited entity by ESHA's Secretariat;
3. The commission is cumulative upon each additional recruitment;
4. The recruited entity's membership/sponsorship abides by ESHA statutes and is approved by ESHA's Governing Board; and
5. This promotion is valid until the 31st of March 2013.

Wishing you a successful New Year,

Your ESHA Secretariat

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### Policy

- **Awareness-raising – pictures on SHP needed!**

For ESHA lobbying activities, the secretariat would need royalty-free picture of SHP plants, more specifically related to energy related aspects (high quality energy) and economic aspects (growth, jobs, ideally workers). If you have some, please send them to [Oliver](#).

- **Energy policy - "Future design of renewable energy markets"**

In December, EUFORES organised a dinner discussion on the future design of renewable energy markets. The keynote speaker was Simon Müller from the International Energy Agency, Renewable Energy Division. More information is available [here](#). The presentation is available [here](#).

- **Environmental policy – News from the European Innovation Partnership on Water**

The EIP Water Steering Group held its second meeting in December 2012 and adopted the EIP Water Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP), which is available [here](#).

Among the initial actions suggested in the plan, the following ones relate to the water and energy nexus:

*"The Steering Group of the EIP Water invites Action Groups to develop and test:*

*[...]*

- *Innovative and widely applicable solutions for energy recovery and/or surplus energy production both from water in natural systems as well as from anthropogenic water use;*
- *Develop and demonstrate widely applicable concepts and solutions for water use related to energy production, urban and industrial hot/cold water systems.*

Consequently, a call for Expressions of Commitment to form Action Groups has been opened, which can be found [here](#). Action Groups are invited to commit to work towards one (or more) of the initial actions as described in the Strategic Implementation Plan. Action Groups should be formed along the rationale of the EIP Water, including various disciplines for innovation (e.g. research, industry, finance, NGO, ICT, etc.), as well as the demand and supply sides of innovation. An international composition will be encouraged. Deadline for submission is 4<sup>th</sup> April 2013. ESHA will consider participating in such an Action group to fulfil its policy objectives.

In addition, a Stakeholder Survey is available to provide input for the development for the EIP Water web-based marketplace. The marketplace will be a tool for facilitating communication and collaboration as well as a matchmaking facility between supply and demand around water innovation in Europe. The survey is open until 18 January 2013 and can be found [here](#).

- **Environmental policy – Report on Water Scarcity and Drought in Europe**

The ETC/ICM Report “Vulnerability to Water Scarcity and Drought in Europe” was released in December as a background thematic assessment to the [EEA Report 11/2012 'Water resources in Europe in the context of vulnerability'](#). You can download it from [here](#).  
[http://icm.eionet.europa.eu/ETC\\_Reports/VulnerabilityToWaterScarcityAndDroughtInEurope](http://icm.eionet.europa.eu/ETC_Reports/VulnerabilityToWaterScarcityAndDroughtInEurope)

- Dirk visited the last workshop of the Intelligent Energy Europe project [SF Energy Invest](#) to discuss about the new EU financial framework, as well as about best practices on the use of Structural and Cohesion funds in renewable energy. ESHA will use policy recommendations of this project on how to use Structural and Cohesion funds for the period 2014-2020 for its on-going project [RESTOR Hydro](#) which among others, foresees the development of a comprehensive guide on cooperatives, financial, legal and technical issues to facilitate the development of SHP refurbishment projects .

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## PR & Communication

- The (external) [ESHA newsletter](#) has been finalised and distributed.
- Dirk gave a video conference on 5<sup>th</sup> December in Panama at the Small Hydro Latin America conference.
- The new ESHA mugs are available! We are still looking for sponsors who are interested to have their logo on the mug!
- ESHA started updating its website's policy section to improve its online presence. Have a look!

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## Internal

- Board meetings and Christmas Dinner were held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of December.
- Mark your calendars! On the 26<sup>th</sup> of March you are invited to the upcoming ESHA General Assembly, Policy Forum and Dinner at the European Parliament to meet with Members of Parliament and different SHP stakeholders. On 27<sup>th</sup> March the Policy Forum is going into its 2<sup>nd</sup> round. Please register by marking your presence in the [Doodle poll](#) or sending an email to [Oliver](#).

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## Membership

- Check out the schedule and curriculum for the [Post-graduate Course in Sustainable Hydropower for 2013](#) in Vienna. Do not forget that ESHA members will receive a discount!
- **Ideas and interested parties to participate in the last IEE call, please contact Dirk Hendricks no later than mid-February.**
- **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).