

2008-2010 Regional Action Plan – Europe

The 36 WEC-European Member Committees cover pan-European energy issues, while separate Task Forces can be established to focus on more specific sub-regional subjects, e.g. the South-East European Task Force on Regional Energy Cooperation. WEC's origins are clearly reflected in its European membership. WEC covers more than 85% of Europe's total population of 728 million. Europe is facing a number of energy challenges: ensuring security of supply when dependency on energy imports is growing rapidly; meeting, with solutions environmental pressures; making the single market more functional; attracting investments so much needed, etc. Through its regional programme and under the leadership of Mr. Johannes Teysen, Vice-Chair for Europe, WEC-Europe will undoubtedly contribute to face these challenges.

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**Priority
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1. **WEC-EC Regular Cooperation:** ~~Deepen the dialogue further through regular joint seminars/meetings focused on relevant key energy issues;~~
2. **European Consumers- External Suppliers Dialogue:** To hold a high-level companies dialogue between European consumers and suppliers, including that of ``energy corridor countries`` (Russia, OPEC, Caspian Basin, North Africa Turkey, etc.); ~~;~~
3. **South-East European Regional Energy Cooperation:** Focus on specific sub-regional issues/studies and contribute to enhance the regional cooperation, in the field of energy. Contributions to the regular regional forums/dialogues;
4. **Regional Task Forces/initiatives**
 - Roadmaps towards a Competitive European Energy Market: to formulate the prerequisites for a successful single market operation and define milestones towards a fully liberalised European market; it includes renewable energy sources; starting in January 2009 and completing in December 2009;
 - European Climate Change Policy beyond 2012: to deliver the long-term scenarios of GHG emissions and abatement technology and develop a position on how the emission-trading scheme in Europe, beyond 2012 should like look (the energy industries view point and recommendations to policy making); starting in January 2008 and completing in December 2008;
 - Oil Refinery is an European-North Africa regional joint initiative: to analyse how the recent oil demand increases affect industrial & private consumers taking into account the reduction of spare capacities and high refining mark-ups; furthermore, to examine how current oil crisis is changing the whole industry value chain, including the refinery sector; starting in January 2008 and completing in December 2008;
5. **Promotion of the recently completed 2-regional studies on (a) Vulnerability of Europe to Energy Crises; and (b) Future of Nuclear Power in Europe.**
6. **Support to WEC global activities:** Communicate and regionalise the activities and findings of and seek regional input into WEC's studies and technical work programme by holding workshops on priority projects:
7. **Membership:** Maintain a stable and active membership base.

<p>Preliminary Schedule 2008-2010</p>	<p>8. Activities in Central Asia and Caucasus Region: Integration of the countries into WEC activities.</p> <hr/> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Joint EC-WEC Europe Seminar on a Selected Issue (first in Brussels, February 2008); followed by a second and third in 2009 and 2010 respectively, place and dates to be determined subsequently); 2.1 Supplier-Consumers Dialogue: First International Conference WEC-OPEC on Energy and Transport (Vienna, 28-29 February 2008); and Second in Vienna, first half of 2009 (tentatively). 2.2 Suppliers-Consumers Dialogue: Secured Energy Supply from Caspian Basin to Europe (Turkey, end 2008 or beginning 2009); 3. WEC contribution to the following South- East European (SEE) events: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Second Regional Dialogue on Energy Cooperation (Thessaloniki, Greece, 5-6 June; and 2009 and 2010); b. Regional Energy Forum-FOREN 2008 (Neptun, Romania, 15-19 June; and in June 2010); 4. Regional Initiatives Development: ToRs, Task Force formation; start up (by end February 2008); 5.1 Promoting Vulnerability and Nuclear Studies: through seminars organised by MCs and regional gatherings, where appropriate, over the full cycle, 2008-2010); 5.2 Promoting Vulnerability Indicators to Policy Making, at international level: following the invitation of UNECE for being co-partner, over the full cycle, 2008-2010; 6.0 Support to WEC global activities. <hr/>
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<p>Schedule 2008</p>	<p>February (end) WEC- Europe Regional Meeting Brussels / Vienna (assumed impact of the Global Energy Scenarios 2050 on the European Markets</p> <p>June Neptun-Forum – Energy Efficiency Workshop</p> <p>PGP Workshop Serbia</p>
<p>Schedule 2009</p>	<p>Regional Forum</p> <p>WEC- Europe Regional Meetings: 1 / 2 meetings</p> <p>Conference/workshop on Investing in Coal & Power Sector in Central Asia: as a co-partner with UNDESA, UNECE and WEC-Asia (tentatively in 2009, country to be identified).</p> <p>PGP Workshop Turkey</p>
<p>Schedule 2010</p>	<p>Regional Forum / Workshop:</p> <p>WEC- Europe Regional Meetings: 1 / 2 meetings</p> <p>PGP Workshop Serbia</p>