EU Wind Sector Calls for Binding 2030 Target



At the opening in Brussels of Europe's largest wind power conference and exhibition, Arthouros Zervos, president of the European Wind Energy Association, warned "the wind industry expects to invest some EUR 400 billion in Europe between now and 2030. To do so it needs stable and certain EU energy policy."

In a new report, <u>EU Energy Policy to 2050</u>, EWEA argues that the renewable energy targets set so far have enabled Europe to become world leader in renewable energy technologies, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Therefore, the report argues, this successful policy should be repeated for the period after 2020, together with the support of an Emissions Performance Standard, and a tighter Emissions Trading System.

"We are facing a policy vacuum after 2020" said Zervos. "We must ensure that the renewable energy targets established in 2001 and 2009 are replicated for the period after 2020 with ambitious 2030 targets. We must ensure that that the success story of renewable energy in Europe survives beyond 2020."

