



E-Bulletin for the Environmental Industries

GREEN TECHNOLOGIES ARE THE TECHNOLOGIES OF THE FUTURE. Eco-innovation will be a major driver for future economic growth in the EU, environment commissioner Stavros Dimas told a European business summit recently. See <http://www.environmentdaily.com/articles/index.cfm?action=article&ref=20611> for details.

REGIONAL NEWS

New Initiatives: The UK's first full-scale biowaste digester has started operating in Ludlow recycling 125 tonnes per week of kitchen waste, garden waste and card collected from 19,000 households in South Shropshire. The £2.6m green project, which has been funded by Advantage West Midlands and DEFRA, is a leading example of de-centralised low-carbon technology. For more information please contact Sarah Bridge on 0121 503 3367.

Sector Mapping: The Environmental Industries Federation has recently launched its revised mapping study of North East England EGS companies. For full details please see: <http://www.eif.org.uk/news/docs/mapping-summary-2005.pdf>

Skills & Training: Following the success of the Enviro-Entrepreneur Schools delivered with London Remade, QED Consulting are marching ahead this summer with two Enviro-Entrepreneur Schools covering London and the West Midlands. The Schools are open to all aspiring entrepreneurs who have a great idea for a sustainable business in the environmental goods and services sector. Visit: www.enviroentrepreneur.co.uk

International Trade: Hosted by the Welsh Development Agency's EGS Group, the UNIDO Environmental UK Forum event in Cardiff earlier this month was a huge success. Organised by Kinetic Cubed, over 75 delegates attended to hear and meet a senior delegation from UNIDO (United Nations International Development Organisation), to learn about opportunities to work on projects in renewable energies, water & wastewater treatment and climate change. Email john.connick@wda.co.uk for details.

Other: On the 1st of April the Welsh Development Agency (WDA) will cease to exist and will be merged with the Welsh Assembly Government. This important step for the growth and advancement of Wales will seek to provide enhanced services and improved delivery for all customers, stakeholders and the businesses, communities and people of Wales alike. Support for EGS sector will continue under the new Department for 'Enterprise, Innovation and Networks' (EIN).

EnviroLink's supply chain directories are now available on:

- ◆ Contaminated Land Remediation (also available in Czech)
- ◆ Energy Efficiency
- ◆ Water & Wastewater Treatment (in Hungarian & Polish)

Hot off the press... EnviroLink's 'Energy Efficiency Now', the Northwest products & services magazine for the sector has just been launched. First issue now available. To request a Directory or your copy of 'Energy Efficiency Now', contact EnviroLink Northwest on 01942 491 294.

IN GENERAL

Celebration of British Support to Poland's Water Sector: To mark the 120th anniversary of the opening of the British-engineered Warsaw water supply system, UK Trade & Investment will be assisting with the arrangements for this celebration on 20th September 2006. It will give UK companies with water sector knowledge and skills, or who manufacture equipment for the water sector, an opportunity to look closely at the Polish market. Please contact: Jeremy Goad, UKTI Water Sector Export Promoter, email jeremy.goad@gtnet.gov.uk, telephone 07770 331 307.

RDA Briefing Sessions at ET2006, 18th May: Supported by the UK Forum for Environmental Industries, these sessions will focus on relevant issues with workshops entitled:

- A Practical Guide to Financing Environmental growth
- Manchester is My Planet
- Best Practice Environmental Networks
- Business Mentoring in the EGS Sector
- Land Remediation and Regeneration

If you are interested in finding out how you could help your business develop and grow, visit www.et-expo.co.uk to register.

Consultations

◆ **Energy Review Consultation.** Deadline - 14th April 2006. See <http://www.dti.gov.uk/energy/review>

◆ **Combining the Pollution Prevention & Control System & the Waste Management Licensing System.** Deadline 15th May 2006. See www.defra.gov.uk/environment/epp

DIARY DATES

Fuelling the Future: Making a Success of the Renewable Transport Fuels Obligation: 4th April 2006, Central London. This EIC conference will take a detailed look at the commercial implications of the Renewable Transport Fuels Obligation, including the policy framework in Europe and the UK for supporting transport biofuels. Tel. 020 7935 1675 or email info@eic-uk.co.uk.

ET, ICU, Nemex 2006: 16–18 May 2006, NEC, Birmingham. Looking for solutions to your environmental and energy issues? Visit www.et-expo.co.uk to register.

East Midlands Sustainable Development Expo: 12th October 2006, Pride Park Stadium, Derby. Hosted by EIForum and partners, EGS companies will be showcased and there will be the opportunity to hold national meetings during the day. To book meeting space, exhibit or to register, contact info@eiforum.org.uk

For a full events list visit EIForum's events calendar and see what is happening in the UK, around Europe or other locations on particular dates. Visit www.eiforum.org.uk to register (free) and access the calendars for 2006 and 2007 under the 'News' tab.

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