



HYDRO 2003: The Way Forward for Hydropower



THEMATIC NETWORK ON SMALL HYDROPOWER

Increasing Public Acceptance

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SETTING THE SCENE

HYDRO IN GENERAL AND SMALL HYDRO SCHEMES IN PARTICULAR ARE FACING **LESS PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE, WHY?**

- 1) **LOBBYING ACTIONS:** Environmental Groups, Rivers Associations, Fisheries Groups..
- 2) **ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION:** National & European Level (Water Framework Directive)



WHAT TO DO?

**ACT WITH A COMMON AND
COORDINATED STRATEGY TO SHOW
THE WORLD THE RIGHTS & WRONGS:**

- Informing the general misinformed public
- Including the civil society in the projects
- Dialogue with opponents
- Implementing social campaign



THE THEMATIC NETWORK ON SMALL HYDROPOWER

**EU SMALL HYDROPOWER SECTOR
IS MAKING ALREADY A STEP
AHEAD IN THIS RESPECT THROUGH
THE THEMATIC NETWORK ON
SMALL HYDRO POWER PROJECT**



- **BACKGROUND**

European Commission (DG-TREN) Funded Project, FP5 (RD&D Programme)

- **OBJECTIVE**

Identify **Needs** and **Barriers** of the sector:
Better Exploitation

- **KEY THEMES**

- Marketing
- Environment
- Engineering

- **PARTICIPATION**

- 11 Partners: ESHA, ADEME (F), IT Power (UK), LHA (LT), MHyLab (SZ), SERO (SW), ISET (D), EPFL-LCH (SZ), ÖVFK (A), Studio Frosio (IT), SCPTH (F)
- Public in General: **Network Website**



WORKING GROUP ON MARKETING

WORKPACKAGE IV: SHP PUBLIC IMAGE

Actions

1. Prepare information papers on SHP to be disseminated on a broad basis (meetings, workshops, conferences, media, press..)
2. Contacts and exchange of views with opponents.
3. Publicity and promotion using available communication methods.
4. Lobbying activities at local, national and European level.



Members

- ESHA
- ADEME
- IT POWER
- Lithuanian Hydropower Association

Contributions

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Results

Hydroenergia 2004:

- ESHA International Conference on SHP
- 17-19 June 2004 in Falkenberg, Sweden
- Call for papers open until 30 January 2004
- Topics: Technical & Operational aspects, Environmental issues and Institutional & Financial aspects.
- For all information: ESHA



WORKING GROUP ON ENVIRONMENT

- Evaluation of environmental impacts
- Feasible solutions: technical and economic

WORKING GROUP ON ENGINEERING

- Innovations for environmental integration in civil works and electromechanical equipment



CONCLUSIONS

- **ESHA** has already started a common and coordinated action at European level through the **thematic network on small hydropower project** in order to improve the SHP image.
- The results of this action will be delivered to the **European Commission** for future political consideration.
- Only clear and funded messages converging to **ONE strong voice** that represents the sector will be credible and strong to change the current situation.