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## **Workshop on Energy Storage**

Dear Colleagues

Last year, a workshop on the "Role of Energy Storage in Future Energy Systems" took place in Bad Tölz, Germany (Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009). The workshop was organized by the Energy Storage Implementing Agreement (ECES). As a result all participants agreed about the need for further collaboration concerning energy storage as a cross-cutting issue.

Therefore, ECES decided to continue this process. A second workshop is planned to bring together experts from the energy supply side, the distribution and the various end-use sectors (demand side). Experts from the relevant Implementing Agreements are addressed as well as experts from the Private Sector. The aim of the workshop is on the one hand to identify relevant R&D-topics for joint activities, viewed from different perspectives, namely from the Power Sector, the Grid and the End-use Sectors. On the other hand, suitable ways of cooperation should be identified for each topic.

When I attend discussions among scientists, the importance of energy storage for the near and medium term future is again and again highlighted. As Chairman of the IEA Committee on Energy Research and Technology (CERT) I started to recognize the urgent need for a forum dedicated to this subject. With the support of the CERT I would like to encourage your participation in such a forum. Energy Storage is a real cross-cutting issue, for it concerns all main sectors: power production & distribution, building, transport and industry. Consequently, the sharing among scientists in order to propose further RD&D and to recommend policy actions is an act of urgency. The appearance of negative prices for the delivery of Energy is dramatically illustrating this urgency.

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The above mentioned workshop is a great opportunity to continue the process of discussion and collaboration. I hope that your organization will take the chance to actively participate in structuring the future RD&D activities in the area of energy storage. We need the knowledge of you personally as well as the involvement of your organization, be it an Implementing Agreement or from the private sector, and when I say “we” I mean our worldwide society and not just the IEA Energy Technology Network. I very much hope to welcome a representative of your organization at this event in Germany.

In its last two meetings the CERT has recognized the value of this initiative and welcomes to accommodate a permanent or add-hoc Forum according to the needs identified by the workshop.

Yours sincerely,

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