



GME's NEWSLETTER – New issue now on line

Rome, 9 March 2009 – The new issue of the Newsletter of Gestore del Mercato Elettrico (GME) is now downloadable from www.mercatoelettrico.org (GME).

The newsletter opens with an exclusive interview with European Environment Commissioner Stravos Dimas.

In the interview, Mr. Dimas points out that the current financial crisis is an opportunity to accelerate action to deal with the climate crisis and make significant progress *“towards creating a safe and sustainable low-carbon and resource-efficient economy”*. He also stresses the role that the Kyoto Protocol plays in the trading of emission permits and the advantages of the recently established emission trading system between companies in Europe.

Encouraging results and introduction of cap & trade systems in many other regions, including the US, make it necessary to *“seek to link those systems as much as possible. Our vision - emphasises Mr. Dimas – is to have an OECD-wide carbon market by 2015”*. The implementation process should also concern developing countries and obviously rely on a comprehensive and solid system leading to environmentally effective and cost-efficient policies. Always with regard to developing countries, Mr. Dimas recalls that, in the international climate negotiations, Europe proposes a global forest carbon mechanism through which *“developing countries would be rewarded for emission reductions achieved by taking action to reduce deforestation and forest degradation”*.

As to the costs/benefits of emission reductions, Mr. Dimas feels that *“the costs in the short term are in reality investments in our future and this is the way Governments should look at them”* and that *“the cost of not tackling climate change will eventually be huge at between 5 and 20% of global GDP each year. This is five to 20 times higher than the costs of taking action, which are put at around 1% of global GDP”*.

Pre Release



As has become customary, issue no. 14 of GME's publication reports the **summary data of the Electricity Market for the month of February** and the **Fuel Market** section, which analyses oil and fossil fuel price trends in the international market. The new issue also comes with the usual technical commentaries on European and national power and environmental markets and exchanges, as well as **a commentary on the Green Certificates Market by Clara Poletti (IEFE) and Stefano Alaimo (GME)**. This contribution takes stock of last year's results and makes an in-depth review of market prospects in terms of both prices and legislative-regulatory developments.

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