European Bioenergy Conference

"political will of EU for renewables still alive and strong"

Part of the opening session panel (left) Joachim Balke European Commission, Michael Goodwin, Energy Attaché, Permanent Representation of Ireland to the EU and Fanny-Pomme Langue AEBIOM Policy Director.

At the time of going to press the opening session of the 4th AEBIOM bioenergy conference had concluded. In his address, Michael Goodwin, Energy Attaché of the Permanent Representation of Ireland to the EU, emphasised that the “political will of the EU for renewables is still alive and strong, and committed to renewables playing a significant role in all three pillars of EU policy.” Goodwin also gave a short progress report on the issue of ILUC. He assured delegates that the ad-hoc working group, that was established during the Irish EU presidency to discuss the proposal, “has left no stone unturned to reach Council position” with several options in relation to the 5 percent cap on first generation biofuels examined. He declined though to comment further on what “stones” or which options.

However Goodwin hinted that a first reading agreement might be possible during the Lithuanian Presidency that starts in July if not then under the Greek which would mean during the first half of 2014.

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