

## **Editorial**

### **Key elements of sustainable energy development**

The second issue of the EEI's journal *European Review of Energy Markets* lies before you. As previously announced, the first issues of EREM aim at setting the scene in energy land. This second review issue concentrates on the relationship between energy provision and the environment, the latter being one of the present day driving forces of energy policy. Given the limited space available in a single issue, we have chosen to focus on some key elements of what could be considered as a sustainable energy provision.

Clearly, the threat for climate change due to the enhanced greenhouse effect dominates the discourse, whereby the market oriented Emission Trading Scheme, the showpiece of the European battle against climate change, is put in the spotlight. But besides the carbon dioxide issue, important subjects like energy efficiency, the harmonization of support schemes for Europe, and broader considerations towards a sustainable energy approach are also dealt with.

We are happy to have the Commissioner of Environment, Stavros Dimas, give his views on how the future policy for energy & environment should be shaped. Like in our first issue, we have tried to give a balanced view by policy makers and government officials, scientists and industrial players.

The subjects of this issue have been put forward by Dr. Jos Delbeke, who effectively acted as Guest Editor of this issue. So, most of the credit for this issue goes to him and the authors.

I wish you an interesting reading,

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Editor