



INNOVATION IN THE ENERGY INDUSTRY. COOPERATION BETWEEN CLUSTERS AND FINANCING TOOLS FOR ENERGY INNOVATION.

Palacio Euskalduna Bilbao/ 04.04.2008





1. WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE/ROUNDTABLE FACT SHEET

Event type	Conference		
Event title	Innovation in the energy industry		
Date	04.04.2008	Time	09.00 am
Event organisers	EVE - Ente Vasco de la Energía; Labein Tecnalia and Cluster de Energía del País Vasco.		
Address	Palacio Euskalduna		
City	Bilbao	Country	Spain
No. hours	4h 30 min	No. Attendees	160

2. MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE EVENT

The main objective of the symposium was to present The Europe Innova programme as an EC initiative framed within the R&D Framework Programme, which supports innovation in the energy industry through the results of two projects: EIFN and CENCE.

3. OVERVIEW

The Europe Innova programme aspires to inform, assist, mobilise and network the key stakeholders in the field of innovation. The symposium introduced international experts who contributed their experience on funding different innovating energy projects. It was targeted at the leading market agents in the field of innovation, with a view to helping them improve their energy situation and increase their competitiveness.

The aim of the EIFN project (in which EVE is involved) is to develop a network to help companies and institutions access funding for developing innovative projects in the energy industry; to promote collaboration between agents involved in innovation and financial investors and to provide methodologies and tools that will improve access by innovating companies and institutions to funding for their projects.

CENCE, in which the Energy Cluster of the Basque Country and Labein-Tecnalia both participate, is a network that seeks to establish a cooperative platform that will help promote innovation through collaboration between European energy clusters, by tapping into existing synergies, exchanging know-how and transferring best practice





4. EVENT PROGRAMME

08:30 am	amregistration and documentation
09:00 am	Opening Ms Ana Aguirre Zurutuza, Minister for Industry, Commerce and Tourism, Basque Government
09:15 am	The European Innova programme Mr. Reinhard Büscher. Innovation Policy development. DG Enterprise, European Commission.
09:45 am	Energy cooperation scenario in the Basque Country. Mr. José Igancio Hormaeché. General Manager. EVE - Ente Vasco de la Energía.
10:15 am	CENCE results. Connecting the European Energy Clusters Mr. Juan José Alonso. General Manager. Cluster de Energía del País Vasco [Energy Cluster of the Basque Country].
10:40 am	Promoting innovation through clusters Mr. Berhard Puttinger. EcoWorld Styria (Austria)
11:05 am	BREAK
11:30 am	EIFN. Energy innovating financing network Mr. Enrique Doheijo. Senior Manager. Deloitte
11:55 am	Investing in innovation in the energy industry: risks and barriers Mr. Serge Galant. Chief Executive Officer. TECNOFI
12:20 pm	The European Strategy Plan on Energy Technologies (SET PLAN) Mr. Gonzalo Molina. Lecturer, University of the Basque Country. Former Head of Unit of Innovation and Technological Development in Energy. DG TREN-European Commission
12:45 pm	Round table discussion Moderated by Mr. Gonzalo Molina. Former Head of Unit of Innovation and Technological Development in Energy. DG TREN-European Commission
1:30 pm	Closing session and reception.

5. PARTICIPANTS PROFILE

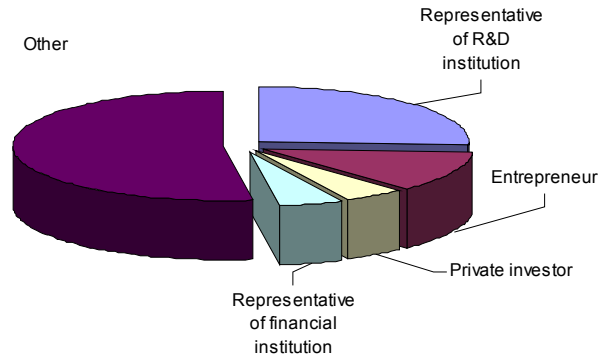
The symposium was attended by 160 people from a variety of industries, 26% of whom were completed a questionnaire. Extrapolating the results of the surveys, the participant profile that emerges is as follows:

- Representatives of research centres 26.2%.
- Entrepreneurs 11.9%





- Private investors 4.8%
- Representatives of financial institutions 4.8%
- Others types of organisation: consultancy agencies working with the environment, RDI, the energy industry; public authorities, etc. 52.3%



Under the Spanish data protection act it is not possible to provide a list of participants. However, should anyone from the commission wish further information, they can contact EVE.

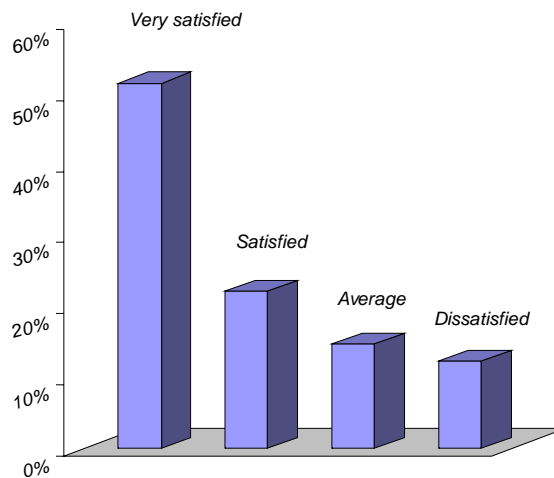
6. EVALUATION OF THE EVENT

Shown below, point by point, are the results of the surveys conducted at the symposium. The corresponding questionnaire is enclosed as an appendix to this document.

• Overall Quality and Degree of Satisfaction

Half of those surveyed rated the quality of the symposium as High. The remaining 50% were divided between Very High (26.2%) and Average (19%).

In general, around 73% of participants felt their expectations had been met. Among all the participants, 51.2% were very satisfied with the way the symposium had gone, whereas 12.2% felt that it was not up to the level they expected.





• **Interest/ Relevance**

Of the seven talks, five were considered rated as being particularly interesting by those surveyed. Of these five, the papers by Serge Galant and Enrique Doheijo were considered to be the most relevant.

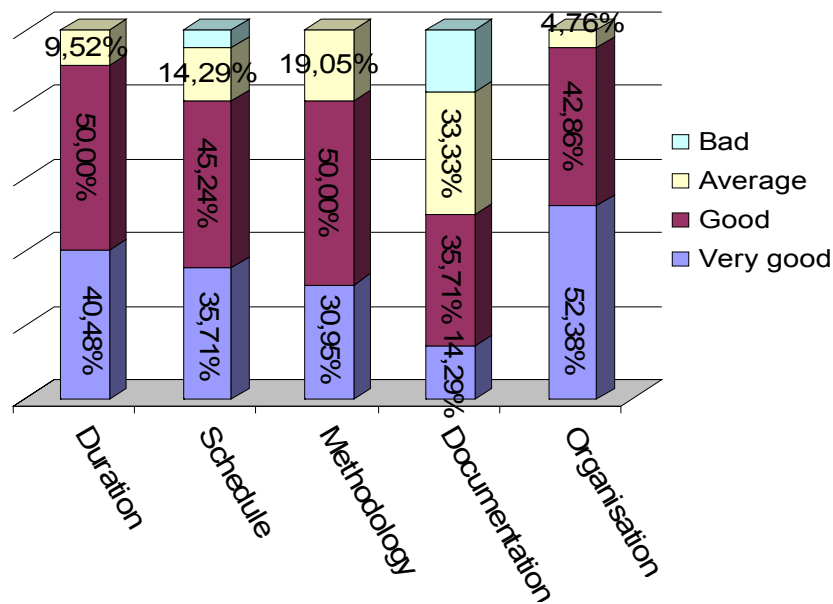
It is noteworthy that 57.1% of those surveyed did not answer the question on the presentation they liked least. Of the other 42.9% the least interest was shown in the presentation on “Promoting innovation through clusters”.

• **Opinion on the symposium**

In general, the duration of the symposium was considered to have been right. 50% rated it as Good, with 9.5% answering that it was "Average".

The great majority of those surveyed rated the symposium programme as Good or Very Good and only 4.8% did not like it. Among the suggestions, some commented that there should have been more practical examples and experiences, and that it should have been clearer.

A majority of those surveyed rated the methodology and organisation positively, with a minority scoring it as Average.



7. CONCLUSIONS

In general, the symposium was quite well received by participants and marked a good culmination for the two projects represented. The symposium was very positively rated and there were only some minor remarks, related in particular to the documents handed out. In any case, following its usual practise, EVE has posted the presentations on its website (www.eve.es).





APPENDIX 1:

EVALUATION SURVEY





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EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE

- 1) I am an entrepreneur
- a representative of an R&D institution
- a private investor
- a representative of a financial institution
- Other (please specify): _____

2) Global quality of the event

Very high High Average Below average Insufficient

3) The event has covered my expectations by ____%

4) The speech / presentation I liked most was:

5) The speech / presentation I liked least was:

6) Your opinion of the event





Duration

Very good Good Average Bad Very bad

Schedule

Very good Good Average Bad Very bad

Methodology

Very good Good Average Bad Very bad

Documentation

Very good Good Average Bad Very bad

Organisation

Very good Good Average Bad Very bad

5) In order to improve an event such as today's, I would recommend the following

