



Think-tank

The FME-think-tank was created in february after an initiative from the energy minister in Norway. The tank of thinking haas the last six months worked with the topic: "How is it possible to utilize technology to reduce the carbon emissions in Norway and in other countries?". The 30th of september, the think tank met with the minister and a delegation from the Department of Oil and Energy. The minister was very pleased with the presentation and wants to countinue the work and cooperation with the think tank. (Photo: OED) [Think tank blog...](#)

Admission to Energy and Environment at a record high

The study program Energy and Environment at NTNU has become very popular. Since 2004, the numbers of appliers to the program has increased from 120 to 270 this year. During the same time, the number of recruited students has increased from 80 to 140 while the admission requirement has increased.

FME-startup

SFFE is in the front seat for 5 of the 8 centres for environmental energy (FMEs). All of these have had kick-off meetings and they have started their work. The five relevant centres are: [CEDREN](#), [Nowitech](#), [ZEB](#), [Solarunited](#), [CenBio](#). In addition the centre [CenSES](#) is coordinated together with the other FME-centres through SFFE.

Political interest for SFFE

A number of politicians has visited NTNU and SINTEF to learn more about renewable energy and which priorities that is important. The 4th of september a delegation from KrF, with their leader Dagfinn Høybråten, visited SFFE. John Olav Tande, Turid Worren Reenaas and Sverre Aam participated from NTNU and SINTEF, and lectured about research on wind energy, solar cells and renewable energy (Photo: Verena Døsvik).



Research priorities for renewables – report

European Renewable Energy Centres Agency (Eurec) has launched the report "Renewable Energy Research Priorities by 2020 and beyond". The report gives an overview of the status witiin renewable energy research, especially concerning the sectors electricity generation, heating and cooling, as well as transport. The report can be downloaded from Eurec's document archive. [Download the report here](#)

China shows strong interest on renewable energy

China's ambassador in Norway Gao Jian was very enthusiastic about NTNU and SINTEF's research on renewable energy, under a visit to Trondheim 6th May. China was in 2008 ranked as number one in investments on renewable energy, and has ambitious goals for the near future. Collaborations with China are highly interesting, and can be developed especially within the fields of silicon solar cells and offshore wind power.

SFFE participates on Klimabussen

NTNU and SFFE is partners in the project "Environmental advice on the road". A hybrid bus will visit all municipalities in Sør-Trøndelag and spread information on how to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases. NTNU and SFFE will contribute with researchers and information material regarding renewable energy

The 20th of October, SFFE joined the Klimabuss to Bjugn and held two presentations about renewable energy for a high and middle school and.

Read more on the [Klimabussen](#)- homepage.

Research conference on renewable energy in 2010

The web pages for the research conference is now opened. On www.sffe.no/conference, it is possible to read more about the different parallel sessions on the conference.

The Centre for Renewable Energy is:

- ✓ **Influence:** The Centre participates in the public debate on renewable energy research and innovation and the framework conditions in Norway.
- ✓ **Networking and coordination:** The Centre is a platform for national and international cooperation, and coordinates the competence within renewable energy at the three research institutions NTNU, SINTEF and IFE.
- ✓ **Dissemination and information:** The Centre is an information resource on renewable energy research in Norway, and works to increase the common knowledge on the subject.
- ✓ **Recruitment:** The Centre works to strengthen the educational facilities on renewable energy in Norway, and to recruit young people to renewable energy research and industry.

SFFE participated at EFIKS and NEREC

SFFE participated the 7th to 9th october on EFIKS in Trondheim and NEREC at Lillestrøm. SFFE recieved positive feedbacks on the general activity at NTNU, SINTEF and IFE, and the renewable energy research conference in june 2010.

**Relevant upcoming conferences ([more...](#))**

Hydro 2009 (Lyon)	26-28.10.09
Hydrogen and Fuel Cells in the Nordic Countries (Oslo)	24-26.11.09
UN Climate Change Conference (København)	07-18.12.09
Bright Green (København)	12-13.12.09

Calls and positions*Deadline*

European Talent Award for Innovative Energy Systems 2010	15.02.2010
Positions	
Postdoc position within "Balance Management with large scale offshore wind integration"	
PhD position within LCA and Input-Output Analysis	30.10.2009

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