



## **“Solar thermal ordinances: making a commitment to local sustainable energy”**

**ProSTO Workshop, 29 October 2010, Committee of the Regions, Brussels**

### **Outline of the workshop**

Solar Thermal Ordinances (STO) are legal provisions requiring the installation of solar thermal systems in buildings. The obligation is typically tied to the construction of new buildings or major renovation.

Many of the existing STOs are related to national or regional energy laws and implemented through the municipal building codes. A growing number of municipalities, regions and countries are already making use of solar thermal obligations. Already today, more than 150 million people in Europe are living in regions covered by a STO.

This thematic workshop aims at presenting the legislative framework conditions and the process for developing and implementing a STO at local level. It will also provide concrete examples from local authorities which have already set up solar thermal ordinances, including flanking measures (incentive schemes, information campaigns, etc.).

Project results and specific experiences from the organizations involved in the ProSTO project will be shared with the audience and this workshop will be used to find a common view point regarding STOs and to develop further ideas on how to promote best solar thermal ordinances at European and national level, the aim being to have even more local authorities setting up and implementing solar thermal ordinances.



**Workshop Programme - 29 October 2010, 09.30-16.00**

- 9.00 Welcome coffee – Registration
- 9.30 Welcome  
*Xavier Noyon, Secretary General, ESTIF*

*Building codes and energy efficiency in Europe*

- 9.45 The role of energy efficient buildings in EU's energy strategy – Effective measures to ensure higher standards at national level  
*Andoni Hidalgo, Eurima, Brussels*
- 10.15 How to support local administrations on the way towards solar building codes: Outcomes of the ProSTO project  
*Riccardo Battisti, Ambiente Italia, Italy*
- 10.45 Coffee break
- 11.15 ProSTO Blueprint: Step by step towards a solar building code  
*Dirk Mangold, Solites, Germany*
- 11.45 1998-2010: Assessment of the Barcelona solar ordinance  
*Fermín Jiménez, Agència d'Energia de Barcelona, Spain*
- 12.15 Questions & Answers
- 12.30 Lunch
- 14.00 The role of local and regional authorities in future environmental policies  
*Michel Lebrun, (BE/EPP), Member of the Parliament of the French Community, Belgium - Rapporteur Outlook opinion on the future EU Energy Action Plan, Committee of the Regions*

*Case studies of solar thermal ordinances*

- 14.30 The new local solar ordinance in Murcia  
*Fernando Sanchez Lara, City of Murcia, Spain*
- 15.00 Energy requirements in the city of Stuttgart  
*Nino Schäfer, Municipality of Stuttgart, Germany*
- 15.30 Lisboa: Solar thermal ordinances in protected areas  
*Joana Fernandes, Lisboa e-Nova, Portugal*
- 16.00 End of the workshop