

Declaration European Regions for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Sources

Recognising the crucial role of energy for economic development and the environmental situation in Europe and

Understanding the important contribution sustainable energy production and use can make to a positive economic and environmental development and

Acting out of responsibility for future generations and in partnership with other regions across Europe,

We, the undersigned regional and local governments, have made a commitment to increasing our share of renewable energy and to boosting energy efficiency in our regions. We acknowledge that energy efficiency and renewable energy sources are most important cornerstones of sustainable development because they contribute to environment and climate protection, to local job creation and economic growth, to security of energy supply, to independence from energy price fluctuations as well as to social cohesion and innovation.

Recognising the importance of local and regional action in making sustainability happen, we are actively promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy sources in our own buildings, installations and sites as well as to the citizens, municipalities and businesses in our regions.

Deeply concerned about climate change and the increasing dependency on imported fossil fuels and their impact on our environment and economies, **we call upon other European regions**, but also upon local and national governments as well as the European institutions, **to join forces for a better and more sustainable energy future!**



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Our priorities for Devon

Making Devon greener is a theme that spans the breadth of our Strategic Plan for the great county of Devon.

We have a duty to protect the environment not only for today's residents and visitors but also to ensure the wellbeing and quality of life of future generations.

Our aim is to make Devon England's greenest county.

We will do this by:

- considering the environmental implications of all our policies and decisions and ensuring that everything we do helps to maintain Devon's high quality of life, landscape and biodiversity
- setting a good example to others by using energy and water more efficiently, reducing waste, and pursuing a strategy to combat global warming by promoting renewable energy generation and reducing our carbon footprint
- promoting best practice among other Devon organisations, schools and businesses in our role as a commissioner of services, planner, regulator and community leader
- encouraging the people of Devon and our own staff to play their part in helping to make Devon England's greenest county.



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