

## **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!**

**Hampshire County Council**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Thornber', written in a cursive style.

Councillor Ken Thornber CBE, Leader

13 November 2006, Winchester

## **Annex - Targets set by Hampshire County Council in the field of sustainable energy:**

In signing the Declaration, we are committing to:

1. raise awareness and promote action amongst staff on energy efficiency
2. through the Carbon Management Plan, develop actions and set and monitor targets for CO2 reductions from all County Council activities
3. promote through our partnerships energy efficiency and the use of RES to at least meet our sub-regional targets