

## **IEA Wind 2012 Annual Report Released**

World wind capacity now generates enough electricity to meet more than 3% of the world's electricity demand. In 2012, nearly 85% of the world's wind generating capacity resided in the member countries of the International Energy Agency Wind Implementing Agreement (IEA Wind). During that year, these countries added nearly 37 GW (36,957,000,000 Watts) of wind generation for a total of about 240 GW of wind generating capacity.

ENEA, as a member of the IEA Wind Executive Committee, is delighted to announce the release of the *IEA Wind 2012 Annual Report*.

The *IEA Wind 2012 Annual Report* presents information on wind energy in the participating countries—generation capacity, progress toward national objectives, benefits to national economies, issues affecting growth, costs of projects and turbines, national incentive programs, and research and development results. In 2012, every IEA Wind member country added wind capacity, and nine countries reported record increases: Australia, Austria, Finland, Italy, Mexico, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom, and the United States. Six countries added more than 1 GW: the United States (13.1 GW), China (13.0 GW), Germany (2.4 GW), the United Kingdom (1.8 GW), Italy (1.3 GW), and Spain (1.1 GW).

The annual report's first chapter, the Executive Summary, synthesizes from the co-operative research tasks and the 20 member countries, the Chinese Wind Energy Association, the European Commission, and the European Wind Energy Association. Data on capacity and generation since 1995 are also included in the Executive Summary.

By sharing information and working co-operatively on research tasks, IEA Wind member countries greatly augment the efforts of individual countries to advance wind energy development. Member countries located in Europe, North America, Asia, and the Pacific Region are reaching out to other countries to expand the benefits of this international co-operation.

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