



<<<< Press release >>>> 2 October 2009

## ecee appoints Director for new European buildings energy performance organisation

*The European Council for an Energy Efficient Economy – ecee – in partnership with the European Climate Foundation and ClimateWorks today presented the Executive Director for the new European institute for energy performance in buildings. Dr Tudor Constantinescu from Romania will be responsible for establishing the organisation as partner of a global network providing unbiased and authoritative information on energy-efficient buildings.*

The new organisation is being set up by the European Council for an Energy Efficient Economy in cooperation with and funding from the European Climate Foundation and the ClimateWorks Foundation. The organisation, to be established in Brussels, will serve as a proactive centre of excellence for energy efficiency policy & practice in buildings.

Once it has been established and fully staffed it will be the first port of call for impartial, authoritative information and opinions on energy efficiency in European buildings and through its role as partner in a global Best Practice Network, around the world. It is expected to be established as an independent legal entity by early 2010.

Tudor Constantinescu is an energy policy analyst. Previously he was the president of the Romanian Agency for Energy Conservation (ARCE) and before that he worked for the Energy Charter Secretariat in Brussels for almost twelve years, coordinating energy efficiency activities and being responsible for setting up the implementation stage of the Energy Charter Protocol on Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects. He holds a master degree in energy engineering from the University Politehnica Bucuresti (UPB), a master degree in applied economics from the Institute of Advanced Studies Vienna, and a PhD on regulatory economics in the energy sector from the UPB.

“ecee is delighted to have someone of Tudor’s experience and background to lead the new organisation. His Energy Charter experience and presidency of EnR (the European network of national energy agencies) means that he is already well known throughout the European energy efficiency world and his experience in working in and finally running the Romanian energy agency will also be invaluable in the challenges ahead.” Said Dr. Eoin Lees, vice President of ecee and chairman of the new organisation’s interim board.

The Executive Director will be responsible for all management aspects of the organisation. He will recruit and manage a small team of experts (hired staff and contractors) on energy efficiency in buildings, and collaborate with others within the ClimateWorks network as well as with other energy efficiency networks within Europe.

“Tudor’s experience, thoroughness and strategic skills made him a unanimous choice from a strong field of applicants to set up and drive the new organisation towards the challenging goals that we face in reducing our wasteful use of energy in European buildings” Dr Lees said.

### ***For more information:***

The European Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy ([www.eceee.org](http://www.eceee.org))  
European Climate Foundation ([www.europeanclimate.org](http://www.europeanclimate.org))  
ClimateWorks Foundation ([www.climateworks.org](http://www.climateworks.org))

**Contact:** Dr Eoin Lees, vice-President of ecee +44 1235 771142  
eoin@eoinleesenergy.com

Mr Nils Borg, Executive Director of ecee Phone:+ 46 70 585 31 74  
e-mail: [eceee@eceee.org](mailto:eceee@eceee.org)

ecee SECRETARIAT  
SVEAVÄGEN 98IV  
SE-113 50 STOCKHOLM  
SWEDEN

[www.eceee.org](http://www.eceee.org)  
[eceee@eceee.org](mailto:eceee@eceee.org)

**Short CV Dr. Tudor Constantinescu**

Dr. Tudor Constantinescu is an energy policy analyst and independent consultant. Currently he is Project Leader on Energy Efficiency for Petrom, the OMV-Romanian oil and gas company. Previously he was the president of the Romanian Agency for Energy Conservation (ARCE), the national institution in charge of developing energy efficiency policies and programmes and promoting renewable energy sources. He also ensured the rotating presidency of the EnR network of European Energy Agencies for the period 2008-2009. Tudor Constantinescu worked for the Energy Charter Secretariat in Brussels for almost twelve years, coordinating energy efficiency activities and being responsible for setting up the implementation stage of the Energy Charter Protocol on Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects. In this capacity he coordinated 15 country reviews and many studies on energy efficiency policies (financing and fiscal instruments, carbon trading, effects of market liberalisation, etc) and programmes across Europe. Prior to the Charter activities he worked in industry and in the Romanian energy administration. He also was an itinerant lecturer at the University Politehnica Bucuresti (UPB) and at the Central European University in Budapest. He served on the Board of the Romanian Energy Efficiency Fund.

Tudor Constantinescu holds a master degree in energy engineering from the UPB, a master degree in applied economics from the Institute of Advanced Studies Vienna, and a PhD on regulatory economics in the energy sector from the UPB.

**About eceee**

eceee is the largest membership-based independent NGO promoting energy efficiency in Europe. eceee fully supports the European Commission with its efforts to tap into the full energy efficiency potential of the European building stock. eceee is actively working to secure an effective recast, drawing on its membership and contacts in Member States to provide evidence on what can be achieved in practice. This entails not only securing effective content, but also timely adoption of the proposal. For more information, go to our website: [www.eceee.org](http://www.eceee.org).