



Geothermal Energy and the European Commission – February meetings

On 29th of February 2008, we also met with DG Research (Dr. A. Piontek) and DG TREN (Transport & Energy; Dr. S. de Royer-Dupre) to discuss our work on geothermal energy. DG Research was already well aware of our activities for about 2 years. However, many changes in position took place within the European Commission. Geothermal energy is now run by Dr. A. Piontek (who took over from Dr. J. Schuppers) and it was good establish better contact with him. It was the first time we met with DG TREN. Main objectives of this meeting were to improve our contacts for better collaboration and to provide more background about EFG in relation to geothermal energy. We have provided details about our expert panel on geothermal energy, their activities and objectives, their collaboration with the European Geothermal Energy Council (EGEC) and their initiative and EFG proposal for the Geotrainet project (training of experts on geothermal energy). They have shown clear interest in our expert panel and are interested in a better communication with the experts, through their coordinator Gareth Jones.