



**Press Release** from the German Association CLUB OF ROME, Hamburg, November 26<sup>th</sup> 2007

**Clean Power from Deserts for Europe, the Middle East and North Africa**  
***Prince Hassan bin Talal of Jordan presents White Paper to European Parliament***

Former President of The Club of Rome, His Royal Highness Prince Hassan bin Talal of Jordan, presents the White Paper "Clean Power from Deserts - The DESERTEC Concept for Energy, Water and Climate Security" to the European Parliament in Brussels on November 28. The paper is based on studies by the German Aerospace Center on the potential of deserts to supply secure, clean and cheap power to Europe, the Middle East and North Africa (EU-MENA).

The White Paper proposes a solar co-operation between the technology belt and the sun-belt, between Europe and the MENA region, to fight climate change in a way that is economically, technically and politically feasible. Key technologies in the DESERTEC Concept are concentrating solar thermal power plants with solar heat storage for day/night operation, and low-loss high voltage direct current transmission lines to bring clean power to Europe from the deserts of MENA. A seven year action plan for kicking-off the DESERTEC Concept will also be proposed at the presentation.

The DESERTEC Concept was developed by the Trans-Mediterranean Renewable Energy Cooperation (TREC) in collaboration with scientists at the German Aerospace Center. The presentation in the European Parliament is organised by a cross-party group of four Members of the European Parliament - Matthias Groote, Vittorio Prodi, Rebecca Harms and Anders Wijkman - and by the Club of Rome initiative TREC.

As of November 29<sup>th</sup> the White Paper will be available as a PDF file at:  
[www.DESERTEC.org](http://www.DESERTEC.org)

**Information for Pressmen:**

***Preliminary PDF version of the White Paper:*** Michael.Straub@ClubOfRome.de

***Press statements by His Royal Highness Prince Hassan bin Talal  
and by the President of the European Parliament Prof. Hans-Gert Poettering:***

November 28<sup>th</sup>, 12:20, European Parliament, Brussels

***Presentation:***

November 28<sup>th</sup>, 13:00 - 15:00, European Parliament, Brussels, Room A5G3

***Interviews:***

November 28<sup>th</sup>, 15:00 - 16:00, European Parliament, Brussels, near Room A5G3

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***Further information and pictures:*** [www.DESERTEC.org/press.html](http://www.DESERTEC.org/press.html)

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