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EurActiv and Shell put climate-change debate in the spotlight

EurActiv.com, the independent EU policy portal, has launched a **new section** on "**Climate Change**" (see <http://www.euractiv.com/en/climate-change>).

Climate change has become one of the top political priorities at EU as well as global level. The recent UN IPCC Report confirmed the human origins of global warming. Earlier, the Stern Report on the economics of climate change brought the issue to the fore of public debate.

In the new section, EurActiv will put related policy initiatives and developments in the spotlight, together with stakeholders' positions. The launch of the new section has been made possible with the support of Shell. Hans van der Loo, the head of Shell's European Union liaison office said: "Shell was one of the first energy companies to acknowledge the threat of climate change; to call for action by governments, our industry and energy users; and to take action ourselves. We are playing a leading role in demonstrating ways to manage CO2 responsibly. As such we are pleased to be the lead supporter of this new Climate Change section and hope it will contribute to a well informed debate of the issue and sound policy measures to meet this challenge that faces all of us."

To mark its opening, EurActiv, from 12-16 February, will run a Special Week on "**Business and Climate Change**". Companies are becoming increasingly aware of both the threats and economic opportunities of climate change, as well as the need to work with other players, including environmental NGOs.

Highlights of the Special Week will include two **exclusive interviews**, one with ExxonMobil's Vice-Presidents Sherri Stuewer and Ken Cohen and the other with Environment Commissioner Stavros Dimas.

Commissioner Dimas told EurActiv: "As climate change policies are increasingly becoming more important for the EU, I am very happy that EurActiv has decided to cover this issue more in-depth by opening a special section. Most commission officials and decision-makers will be looking forward to following your excellent coverage on climate change even closer than they already did before".

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