Renewable energy for sustainable rural development

The links between the production and use of renewable energy and rural development across Europe should be reinforced, according to the latest report [1] by the European Court of Auditors [2].

The report reveals that EU Member States do not use Rural Development funding under the EAFRD [3] sufficiently to prioritise renewable energy projects which could have a positive environmental impact. It concludes with a set of recommendations to the EU institutions and Member States on how to better link renewable energy and rural development policies and tools.