



## **GME'S NEWSLETTER – New issue now on line**

Rome, 14 February 2013 – The new issue of the Newsletter of Gestore dei Mercati Energetici (GME) is now downloadable at [www.mercatoelettrico.org](http://www.mercatoelettrico.org).

The newsletter opens with a contribution by Mario Cirillo, Donatella Bobbio, Cristina Rocca and Tommaso Franci from REF-E about the penetration of renewables into the energy mix for heating. The analysis conducted by the experts from REF-E indicates that the number of gas-fired systems installed in existing buildings *remained practically steady in 2011. Moreover, while the share of LPG and gas-oil systems has declined, all systems fuelled by renewables are on the rise.* Cirillo, Bobbio, Rocca and Franci point out that, as regards the switching between sources/technologies, *the penetration of condensing boilers, more efficient than conventional ones and supported through tax deductions, is fairly clear. Furthermore, natural gas generally subtracts “market shares” from other fossil fuels, while it suffers from competition with renewable-energy systems.* This is not all. Estimations concerning areas where the gas network is absent show that, *failing gas infrastructures, the penetration of renewable-energy technologies, such as heat pumps and biomass systems is more marked.* In practice, this shows - explain the analysts from REF-E - that, although the gas source “remains dominant”, *systems fuelled by renewables have an increasing penetration. The relevant technologies can cover all the requirements of heating and of systems installed to integrate conventional ones, with the advantage of a less expensive bill.* Cirillo, Bobbio, Rocca and Franci conclude that *“the impetus given by legislation to the deployment of renewable-energy systems is inevitably bound to grow: the already patent impact of obligations and incentives is likely to become more significant, as the latest national provisions promoting renewable energy consumption are actually implemented.*



The new issue comes with the usual technical commentaries on European and national power exchanges and environmental markets, the section focused on the analysis of Italian gas market trends and the one with insights into the trends of the main European commodity markets.

As has become customary, the new publication of GME also reports **the summary data of the electricity market for the month of January.**

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