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The Focus-Abengoa Foundation and Menéndez Pelayo International University open the series entitled “Renewable energy. Competitiveness. Employment” as part of the Energy and Climate Change School

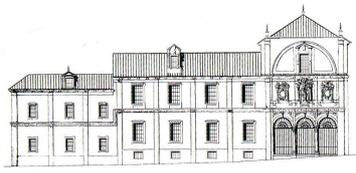
- The director for this edition of the School will be Santos M. Ruesga Benito, Professor of Applied Economics at the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid.
- Experts and students will analyse existing and future energy and environmental challenges over the course of three days, taking the current economic model and employment market as a reference.

Seville, 16 April 2012. At 7.00 pm today, the Focus-Abengoa Foundation and Menéndez Pelayo International University will hold the opening conference of the series entitled “Renewable energy. Competitiveness. Employment”, which once again is being held as part of the Energy and Climate Change School. The conference will be attended by Anabel Morillo León, Director General of the Focus-Abengoa Foundation; Antonio Miguel Bernal Rodríguez, President of the Academic Council of UIMP-Seville and Professor of History and Economic Institutions of the University of Seville; Patrocinio Rodríguez Ramos, Director of UIMP in Seville, and Santos M. Ruesga Benito, Professor of Applied Economics at the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid and Director of this new edition of the School. Manuel Sánchez Ortega, CEO of Abengoa, will today give the opening conference entitled, “Energy model, a question of ethics and economics”.

The Hospital de los Venerables, headquarters of the Focus-Abengoa Foundation, will host various speakers and round tables until Wednesday 18 April, in which experts and students will analyse relations between the energy sector and the employment market in order to identify common areas to improve the productivity of Spanish companies.

This year the Energy and Climate Change School will have a total of 40 university students. The Director of this edition, Santos M. Ruesga Benito, said, “If there is something that economic analysts agree on about the future of the Spanish economy, it is about the need for it to evolve towards a production model based on rules that are radically different from the past. Rules that must materialise in a production structure with an outstanding capacity to compete abroad or – put another way – to generate significant increases in domestic productivity, independent of the economic outlook. This will require a highly efficient renewable energy sector and an adequate supply of human capital, aspects that will be at the heart of the 2012 edition of the Energy and Climate Change School”.

The principal objective of the Energy and Climate Change School, which is the result of a collaboration agreement between the Focus-Abengoa Foundation and Menéndez Pelayo International University, is to offer a progressive institutional and scientific perspective about the potential role of various technologies and policies in the regional, national and international future of energy.



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The Focus-Abengoa Forum on Energy and Climate Change aims to use public discussions to promote a genuine open platform for the research, presentation and debate of ideas and results through actions that it believes are relevant at any given time, based on the nature of the issues to be analysed.

Entry to the opening address and all the other sessions is free while space is available.

Renewable energy. Competitiveness. Employment. Energy and Climate Change School.

Tuesday 17 April

10.00 am

Employment market and energy in terms of the competitiveness of Spanish companies.

Santos M. Ruesga Benito

12.00 pm

Training as a key factor for competitiveness in a globalised world.

Mariano Baratech Ramírez

5.30 pm

Labour reform, competitiveness and business productivity.

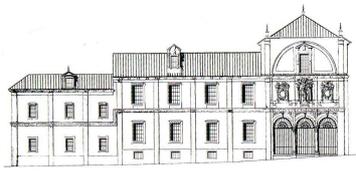
Jesús Cruz Villalón

6.30 pm

Round table: *Innovative sectors in the employment market in Spain.*

Coordinator: José Luis Martín Navarro

Participants: Santos M. Ruesga, Jesús Cruz, Mariano Baratech



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Wednesday 18 April

10.00 am

The contribution of renewable energy to changing the production model in Spain.

Natalia Fabra Portela

11.00 am

Competitiveness and employment.

José María O’Kean

12.30 pm

Round table: *The energy sector and the competitiveness of the Spanish economy.*

Coordinator: José Luis Galán

Participants: Natalia Fabra, José María O’Kean, Valeriano Ruiz

5.00 pm

The renewable energy sector in Andalusia

Valeriano Ruiz Hernández

6.00 pm

Closing conference: *The road to competitiveness of the Spanish production system*

Antón Costas Comesaña

7.00 pm

Closing ceremony