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Mr Rainer Hinrichs-Rahlwes is the President of EREF, the European Renewable Energies Federation, the voice of independent producers of energy from renewable sources.

During his professional career, Rainer Hinrichs-Rahlwes has long since developed a focus on energy and environmental issues, in particular the promotion of renewable energies.

He is a Board Member of the German Renewable Energy Federation (BEE) and in charge of European and international policies. Furthermore Mr. Hinrichs-Rahlwes is European Advisor to the German Wind Energy Association (BWE). He is the chairman of the Policies Committee preparing the 2010 World Renewable Energy Conference in Abu Dhabi (WREC IX).

He has also served as Director General in the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU). He was one of the two chairmen of the International Steering Committee preparing the renewables2004-conference in Bonn and also engaged in the follow-up process as a co-chair of the interim steering committee for the Global Policy Network - now known as REN21.