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## **Commissioner Piebalgs and Minister McCully launch an EU-NZ Energy Access, Renewable and efficiency Partnership for the Pacific**

Brussels, 23/04/2013 – Today EU Commissioner for Development and Cooperation, Andris Piebalgs, and New Zealand's Foreign Minister McCully have launched the EU-NZ Energy Access Partnership for the Pacific. This Partnership is a concrete outcome of the Auckland Pacific Energy Summit organised jointly one month ago and during which the EU pledged an additional €25 million for energy access projects in the Pacific countries.

Commissioner Piebalgs and his counterpart agreed to cooperate in complementary joint projects in the Pacific Islands within the framework of EU's objectives under Sustainable Energy for All.

The newly launched EU-NZ Energy Access Partnership will translate the EU €25 million and New Zealand's contribution into concrete renewable, efficiency and access projects in the Pacific region in cooperation with the European Investment Bank and the Asian Development Bank.

### **For more information**

[http://ec.europa.eu/commission\\_2010-2014/piebalgs/index\\_fr.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/commission_2010-2014/piebalgs/index_fr.htm)

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