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Dear nrg4SD members,

I am honoured to announce that I have been appointed the Minister of Territory and Sustainability of Catalonia, whereby I consequently become Northern Co-Chair of nrg4SD. As Minister, I will carry out this position with the greatest responsibility and dedication, enthusiasm and determination, to lead Catalonia to the forefront of global sustainability.

As new nrg4SD Northern Co-Chair, I would like to renew our political commitment towards the Network. I am aware of the unique and privileged situation of nrg4SD, and am deeply convinced of its great potential.

Catalonia is going through difficulties, as are many of your regions. The economic crisis forces us to rely upon the greatest potential of our people and to work together in the same direction. This is a time of austere budgets, but it is likewise a time for ambitious goals. Furthermore, it is necessary to continue making our organization more efficient and effective.

This is a crucial period in nrg4SD's history; it has been leading the subnational role around the world, and is deeply and strategically involved in international discussions. After Cancun's recognition, our Network has to take action. Much good work has already been done by the Network and its members, but nrg4SD faces numerous big challenges, such as celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Network in 2012.

nrg4SD must continue to grow as an organization by enlarging its membership, strengthening its relations, seeking new alliances, and pursuing its agreed-upon objectives. This is only going to be possible by renewing our political commitment and by continuing our hard work of moving forward toward sustainable development.

I very much look forward to working closely with all of you.

Yours faithfully,

Lluís Recoder i Miralles  
Minister of Territory and Sustainability