

Topical Workshop

Strategic aspects of long-term RES policy design

**Location: Résidence Palace – International Press Center
the room Maelbeek, 155, rue de la Loi – Blok C, 1040 Brussels**

Date: September 19th, 2012 from 14:00 until 17:45

The beyond2020 project

With Directive 2009/28/EC the European Parliament and Council have laid the grounds for the policy framework for renewable energies until 2020. Aim of this proposed action is to look more closely beyond 2020 by designing and evaluating feasible pathways of a harmonized European policy framework for supporting an enhanced exploitation of renewable electricity in particular, and RES in general. Strategic objectives are to contribute to the forming of a European vision of a joint future RES policy framework in the mid- to long-term and to provide guidance on improving policy design.

The final outcome will be a fine-tailored policy package, offering a concise representation of key outcomes, a detailed comparison of pros and cons of each policy pathway and roadmaps for practical implementation. The project will be embedded in an intense and interactive dissemination framework consisting of regional and topical workshops, stakeholder consultation and a final conference.

The topical workshop

The Brussels workshop is designed to be an open discussion forum for a selected target audience – i.e. EU and national RES policy-makers and key stakeholders. This will allow interactive and focused discussions on design elements of harmonized instruments, serving as input for the overall multi-criteria analysis and subsequent policy assessments in accordance with EU Law.

The timing would fit well to allow reflection on the published “RES strategy” of the European Commission. In order to benefit from an active and open discussion, the number of external participants invited will be limited to a maximum of 30.

The session would be dedicated to discuss the possible policy criteria and present possible harmonization pathways, followed by the introduction to the Multi-Criteria assessment. The various design elements for harmonization instruments will be presented as a starting point for discussion.

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Agenda:

14:00-14:10	Welcome and Overview of the beyond2020 project Gustav Resch, EEG
14:10-14:50	Policy criteria and possible policy pathways for harmonization Pablo del Rio, CSIC
14:50-15:00	Q&A
15:00-15:15	MCDCA Analysis – Introduction to PROMETHEE Simone Steinhilber, Fraunhofer ISI
15:15-15:45	Criteria weighting exercise
15:45-16:00	Coffee Break
16:00-16:15	Design elements of main harmonised instruments Christian Panzer, EEG
16:15-16:45	Discussion
16:45-17:00	Socio-Political Acceptability of harmonisation policy pathways Simone Steinhilber, Mario Ragwitz, Fraunhofer ISI
17:00-17:30	Discussion
17:30-17:45	Wrap up and further proceedings (ISI)

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