

Conclusion of the 6th Renewable Energy Task Force meeting Vienna, 27 June 2011

The 6th Renewable Energy Task Force (RE TF) meeting took place at Energy Community Secretariat in Vienna, on 27 June 2011. The list of participants is presented attached.

The meeting has been opened by Mr. Ron van-Erck, from European Commission who has been mandated by Mr. Paul Hodson, the Chairman of the RE TF to chair the 6th RE TF meeting. Ms. Olena Kazlovtseva, from NAER, Ukraine has been welcomed at the first participation in the RE TF meeting as member.

The 6th RE TF meeting Agenda has been agreed without changes.

Item 1 – Re-calculation of the 2020 RES targets

- Mr. Nikhil Venkateswaran, IPA Energy + Water Economics (UK), presented the first draft of the re-calculation of 2020 RE targets. The re-calculations were done with the new biomass data resulted from the biomass consumption surveys and based on 2009 energy balances. Only very few Contracting Parties have been validated the new biomass consumption data conducted by CRES (Greece). Ukraine have submitted the 2009 energy balances in the IEA format, however, it is not finally agreed by IEA.
- The updated calculations have been challenged by some Contracting Parties in relation to the new biomass consumption data and the normalization of hydro production over the last 15 years. The Consultant, IPA Energy + Water Economics has been invited to look more into the fundamentals to make the residual effort based on GDP data consistent with the overall 2009 baseline year. In terms of hydro production, the Contracting Parties are invited to provide more information on the hydro production over the last 15 years in two weeks time, in order to be reflected correctly in the normalization factor.
- The Contracting Parties reiterated the point that the implementation time left until 2020 is shorter then for MS when these adopted the Directive and a correction of the additional effort would be, for that reason, welcomed.

Item 2 – The Biomass Consumption Study

- The draft final results of the Biomass Study conducted by CRES (Greece) were presented to the TF members. CRES conducted biomass consumption surveys in all Contracting Parties covering the industrial, tertiary sectors and households and collect data for biomass consumption in 2009 and 2010. CRES integrated the biomass consumption data into the energy balances for 2009 in accordance with EUROSTAT methodology.
- Only Albania and UNMIK have agreed the biomass consumption data with the Consultant. The remaining Contracting Parties are invited to comment in two weeks time the Biomass Study results after the databases and the methodology will be sent by CRES to the beneficiaries.

Item 3 – Simplified National Renewable Action Plans

- The Contracting Parties briefly presented the status of finalization of the first reporting requirements as indicated by the Ministerial Council Recommendation to implement selected provisions of the Directive 2009/28/EC. Only few Contracting Parties announcing that they will submit the plans in time, however the work towards completing the legal and regulatory framework to promote renewable energy was noted.
- The RE TF agreed to dedicate in the next RE TF meeting in autumn an appropriate timeframe for discussion of the reporting requirements by the end of 2011. The Contracting Parties are invited to work on the reporting requirements as a transparency tool towards the potential investors in renewable energy to observe the Government strategy to meet the policy objectives.
- Croatia has re-iterated its readiness to assist any of the Contracting Parties in preparation of the renewable action plans or with insights on some specific areas.
- The Secretariat will prepare a revised SREAP to include the new reporting requirements by end December 2011. The new template will be circulated by 31 July.

Item 4 – Donors’ Assistance to Support the implementation of the Adopted Recommendation in the Contracting Parties

- Ms. Agime Gerbeti, GSE (Italy) presented the transposition of Directive 2009/28/EC into the Italian legislation with a special focus on transposition of Cooperation Mechanisms, like Joint Projects and Statistical Transfer. Italy has also expressed the readiness to support the Contracting Parties in the process of transposition and implementation of the Directive 2009/28/EC.
- Mr. Steve Burn, USAID, updated the RE TF on the status of SYNENERGY Programme, Regional Wind Integration Project and the reviews of the investment frameworks for renewable energy projects in the Contracting Parties. Mr. Pat Delaquil (IRG) reported on the progress on two biomass projects in Serbia to convert on biomass two district heating plants based on coal and mazut and the possible replication across the region based on sustainable business models.
- The Contracted Parties were invited to address directly the Donors to identify possible areas for assistance in the process of drafting the SREAPs and, further on, to implement complete and coherent frameworks of the renewable energy acquis.

The date of the next RE TF meeting will be fixed after the Ministerial Council meeting and it will be announced in due course.