

RENEWABLE ENERGY TASK FORCE

- A WORK PROGRAMME OUTLINE FOR 2012 –

I. KEY AREAS OF ACTIVITIES, RELATED TO THE TASK FORCE MANDATE

TASK 1	Analysis of tasks needed for the implementation of Directive 2009/28/EC by the Energy Community	Deadline : June 2012
	Activities: Agreement on the re-calculated 2020 RES targets, based on revised input data, as the results of the RES and Biomass Consumption Studies Review of the draft Decision of the Ministerial Council for the implementation of the Directive 2009/28/EC	RE TF Chairman
	Deliverables: RE TF Chairman Reports to the PHLG	
TASK 2	Contribution to the Regional Energy Strategy of the Energy Community	Deadline : June 2012
	Activities: Participation in the work within the Contracting Party related to the defining Regional Energy Strategy	RE TF Members from the Contracting Parties
	Deliverables: Data and projections on share of energy from renewable sources, in line with the calculated RES 2020 targets in the Energy Community	

TASK 3	Submission of the Simplified Renewable Action Plan of the Contracting Parties that include the requirements from the Ministerial Council Recommendation with the deadlines until 30 June 2012	Deadline : 30 June 2012
	Deliverables: The Assessment Report of each Contracting Party based on a customised template (shorter version) of NREAP templates to be sent to ECS	RE TF Members from the Contracting Parties ECS compiles the reports and forwards them to the MC
Subtask 3.1	Assessment of the available potential for the development of domestic renewable energy sources	
	Activities: Each Contracting Party will develop an assessment report using the tables 1, 3 and 10 of the template of the National Renewable Action Plans as adopted under Directive 2009/28/EC (Commission Decision of 30 th of June 2009, C(2009) 5174) as a structure to summarize the main findings	
Subtask 3.2	Creation of incentive measures to support the energy produced from renewable energy sources covering the electricity, heating and transport sectors	
	Activities: The Contracting Parties will identify what type of incentive measures to support the energy produced from renewable sources exist. These could be such as: investment aid, tax exemptions or reductions, tax refunds, direct price support schemes including feed-in tariffs and premium payments. The Contracting Parties will create incentive measures to supplement the existing ones and to cover all the relevant renewable energy sources for electricity, heating and transport sector.	
Subtask 3.3	Make publicly available the standard rules on bearing costs of technical adaptations, such as grid connections and grid reinforcements, improved operation of the grid and rules on the implementation of the grid codes	
	Activities: The Contracting Parties will ensure that TSO and DSO set and publish the standards rules related to bearing and sharing the cost of connections, reinforcement and operation of the grids for new renewable power plants. Those rules will be based on objective, transparent and non-discriminatory criteria taking particular account of all the costs and benefits	

	<p>associated with the connection of those producers to the grid and of the particular circumstances of producers located in peripheral regions and in regions of low population density.</p> <p>The Contracting Parties will require TSO and DSO to provide any new producer of energy from renewable sources wishing to be connected to the system with the comprehensive and necessary information required, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a comprehensive and detailed estimate of the costs associated with the connection; (b) a reasonable and precise timetable for receiving and processing the request for grid connection; (c) a reasonable indicative timetable for any proposed grid connection.
Subtask 3.4	<p>Information on support measures for the promotion of RES to be made available to all relevant actors</p>
	<p>Activities: Contracting Parties will ensure that all the involved institutions in adopting such support measures make available the information to consumers, builders, installers, architects, and suppliers of heating, cooling and electricity equipment and systems and of vehicles compatible with the use of energy from renewable sources.</p>
Subtask 3.5	<p>Overview of national rules concerning the authorisation, certification and licensing procedures of RES plants and associated networks infrastructure for the production of electricity, heating and cooling from renewable energy sources</p>
	<p>Activities: Identify the existing rules and requirements concerning the authorisation, certification and licensing for new RES generation capacities and associated networks infrastructure development</p>
Subtask 3.6	<p>Review the rules and procedures that could be simplified or improved</p>
	<p>Activities: Identify the critical barriers in the authorization, certification and licensing processes</p>
Subtask 3.7	<p>Identify the steps for the development of transmission and distribution grid infrastructure to accommodate the further development of electricity production from renewable energy sources</p>
	<p>Activities: The Contracted Parties will draft a plan for the development of transmission and distribution grid infrastructure which can</p>

	include where appropriate increased of the interconnection capacity, intelligent networks and storage facilities, in order to allow the secure operation of the electricity system	
Subtask 3.8	Review the authorisation procedures for grid infrastructure and accelerate these where possible, including ensuring the coordinate approval of grid infrastructure with administrative and planning procedures	
	Activities: The Contracting Parties will develop accelerated and coordinated approval process for grid infrastructure with the administrative and planning procedures	
Subtask 3.9	Sustainability criteria for biofuels and bioliquids	
	Activities: The Contracting Parties will set up a mechanism through which economic operators using biofuels and bioliquids can show their compliance with the sustainability regime set out in Article 17 and 18 of the Directive 2009/28/EC by using proof from a voluntary scheme that has been recognised by the European Commission	
TASK 4	Submission of the Simplified Renewable Action Plan of the Contracting Parties including the requirements of the Ministerial Council Recommendation with the deadlines until 31 December 2012	Deadline : 31 December 2012
	Deliverables: The Assessment Report of each Contracting Party based on a customised template (shorter version) of NREAP templates to be sent to ECS	RE TF Members from the Contracting Parties ECS compiles the reports and forwards them to the MC
Subtask 4.1	Guarantees of origin	
	Activities: The Contracting Parties will set up a body that issues guarantees of origin on the request from a producer of electricity from renewable energy sources and if appropriate in response to a request from producers of heating and cooling from renewable energy sources. The Contracting Parties will set up a body that supervises the issuance, transfer and cancellation of guarantees of origin	

Subtask 4.2	Grid and market-related operational measures for electricity grids	
	Activities: The Contracting Parties will ensure that appropriate grid and market-related operational measures are taken in order to minimise the curtailment of electricity produced from renewable energy sources	
Subtask 4.3	Information on the benefits and costs of using renewable energy sources	
	Activities: The Contracting Parties will ensure that information on the net benefits, cost and energy efficiency of equipment and systems for the use of heating, cooling and electricity from renewable energy sources is made available either by the supplier of the equipment or system or by the national competent authorities.	
TASK 5	Capacity building related to promotion of energy from renewable energy sources	Deadline : 31 December 2012
	Training sessions delivered to Contracting Parties 'authorities to understand the requirements of the Directive 2009/28/EC Technical assistance provided by the Donor Community targeting on individual basis completion of the frameworks for the implementation of renewable energy projects in the Contracting Parties and Observers.	

II. ORGANIZATIONAL ASPECTS

1. PROPOSAL OF THE NEXT RES TF MEETINGS IN 2012

According to the activities envisaged in the Work Programme of the Renewable Energy Task Force and Energy Community draft event calendar for 2012, the proposed next dates of the meetings are as follows:

- 8th RE TF meeting – 6 March 2012
- 9th RE TF meeting – 12 June 2012 (*tentative*)
- 10th RE TF meeting – 9 October 2012 (*tentative*)

2. WORK WITH THE DONORS' COMMUNITY

The RES TF shall cooperate with the Donors' Community in accomplish the tasks along the Work Programme. Concrete elaborations on the format shall be made for each of the key tasks as above.

3. REPORTS TO THE PHLG AND MC

The Chair of the RES TF shall report to the PHLG and Ministerial Council on the progress in accordance with the agenda of the events as agreed by the Presidency and Vice-Presidency of the Energy Community.