

Renewable energy and liberalisation in selected electricity markets-Forum

To the members of the Steering Group

The consultation process initiated within the framework of REALISE-Forum offers an opportunity for actors in the European renewable electricity market to provide direct input to the Commission for the further development of renewable electricity in Europe. As a member of the Steering group, your experiences are very valuable to understand perceived barriers and risks connected with the development of electricity generation from renewable energy sources.

For the first meeting in Salzburg on September 26, the coordination of the RF-project kindly asks you to address the following questions regarding your national support scheme for RES-E. Of course any other comments/remarks are most welcome.

We would appreciate if you could provide your comments in a written form and send them per e-mail a week before the meeting. Your standpoint will be summarised for the round-table discussion.

1 Identification of the scheme

Which is the national support system in use in your country?

- Feed in tariffs
- RES obligation/quota and (tradable) green certificates
- Others (please specify)

2 Technology

- 2.1 How well does this scheme support a portfolio of different renewable technologies?
- 2.2 Does it support mostly the strongest renewable technologies (near to market) or does it encourage a various range of technologies?

3 Transparency

- 3.1 Is this support scheme transparent and easy to understand?
- 3.2 Is this scheme capable of keeping down the transaction costs for developers / investors as well as the administrative costs of public bodies support?

4 New investments

- 4.1 Is this support scheme capable to attract new investors to the RES field?
- 4.2 Does it possess long-term stability, offering an acceptable risk-return profile?

5 Liberalisation of the power markets/Interaction with other policy instruments

- 5.1 Is this support scheme compatible with liberalisation criteria?
- 5.2 How do you estimate its effectiveness in functioning together with existing and new policy instruments (e.g. green pricing, Kyoto instruments, emission trading)?

6 Costs of the schemes

- 6.1 How high are the specific costs of these schemes (cent/kWh)?
- 6.2 Do you consider these costs socially acceptable?

7 Need for harmonisation

- 7.1 Do you consider necessary to pursue a strategy of harmonisation of RES-E support systems in the EU?
- 7.2 Which timeframe do you consider to be appropriate?