

A stepwise approach

RENREN's work focuses on four areas affecting the whole range of renewable technologies:

- strategic planning for RES at regional level
- permits and compliance
- fostering job market development and RTD & innovation
- financing & incentives.

These topics are explored in biannual workshops which consider their implications for different families of technologies. Transferring experience between the partners is a key objective. The findings will feed into policy recommendations for early-stage and later-stage strategies to foster renewables, and will be presented at a closing conference in Brussels. Partners will agree an activity plan to continue cooperation beyond the project life-span.

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... for a cleaner, greener energy future



Achieving ambitious energy and climate targets ...

Europe's 2020 targets for climate change, renewables and energy efficiency are critical to limit the potentially disastrous effects of climate change. An international objective is to limit global average temperature increase to (maximum) 2°C above pre-industrial levels. A key plank for the EU is attaining a 20% minimum share of renewable energies in its overall energy consumption by 2020. Each EU country will contribute to this according to mandatory national targets set out in the EU Renewables Directive as of 2009. But concerted action is needed to realize these ambitions and policies must extend beyond those set at national and EU level only.

... requires regional level policies

Regions are key in encouraging the development of renewables through measures tailored to their natural resources, environment and economy. Regional authorities face a challenging task - to set up new processes and practices to support the planning, financing, and licensing of renewables projects and provide the skilled people to put them in place. Frameworks for this new sector at regional level are still in their infancy. European regions may vary



in terms of legal competencies, size, geography and/or climate conditions, but it is urgent that they learn from the transferable policy approaches of neighbours. The new age of renewable energy offers huge promise for regional development as regards green growth and jobs and a better environment.

RENREN - a strategic project to support and encourage regional authorities ...

- to compare experience and improve the evidence base for policy-making for renewables
- to identify approaches that can be transferred to other regions
- to create an accessible resource of best-practice case studies - success stories in progressing the deployment of renewables
- to identify bottlenecks of major importance and how regional authorities can influence them
- to suggest policy recommendations for early-stage and later-stage regional strategies fostering renewables
- to deploy across the partnership a "regional renewables development monitoring tool" to chart progress and opportunities that regional policy could address.



The way we work

RENREN provides a strong collaborative network for these activities. It consists of 14 partners from 11 countries - experienced as well as "learning" regions - stretching from the north of Europe to the Mediterranean, and from the west to the east. As such, it encompasses a broad range of different pre-conditions for renewables in terms of land area, geography and climate.

Dealing with all relevant renewables technologies (wind, ocean/marine, hydropower, geothermal, biomass, solar thermal and photovoltaics), RENREN is exploring enabling conditions that help or hinder renewables' expansion in the regions. The investigations of thematic working groups, biannual workshops and on-site visits are supported by an external analysis of renewables-related policies in the partner regions. Close cooperation with related INTERREG-funded projects, such as MORE4NRG (www.more4nrg.eu) and LoCaRe (www.locareproject.eu) will provide further learning opportunities.



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