

EVENT DESCRIPTION
RES-e Regions
First meeting « WP1 / Steering group »

Title: Working group on green electricity market

Date & location: 20th April, Lyon

Organiser: Rhônalénergie-Environnement

Number of Participants: 8 (2 suppliers of green electricity and 6 representatives of syndicates of energy for the consumers side)



Short description:

A working group intended to act as a steering group on the topic of the market of green electricity is set up in the frame of the WP1. This working group will meet at the frequency of 2 or 3 meetings in the timeframe of one year. A first meeting between representatives of syndicates of energy, municipalities and suppliers of electricity from renewable energy sources takes place.

Background:

The analysis of the situation of RES-e in municipalities conducted in the WP3 revealed that municipalities and syndicates of energy are quite reluctant towards the purchase of certified green electricity although their interest for RES-e in general.

Most of the interviewed municipalities have not yet started to think about it. It seems to be to soon, although some of them would be favourable to it.

Some syndicates of energy are more advanced and think about the project of a buying association. Those who have started their thought are quite reluctant to pay more for green electricity already flowing in the grid. Someone argued that the feed-in tariff already covers the production overcost of RES-e.

Several interviewed persons are doubtful about the guarantee given by the green certificates although green certificates can play an educational role.

They may be ready to pay more if the overcost is invested in new capacity productions, but this issue is not clear at all among the stakeholders. There is still the need for information and a debate on this topic.

A minority of syndicates of energy would rather like work on the production side than consumption. They suggest to invest themselves in RES-e plants or increase the RES-e production among all electricity producers.

Due to this lack of fluency between consumers and suppliers of RES-e, the necessity of exchange and discussion appears.

Aim & programme:

The aim is to help to define the market of green electricity in a satisfactory way, for the local communities as well as for the suppliers.

It is proposed to discuss the means to contribute to the objective of increasing the share of RES-e among the total electricity consumption.

The proposed agenda is as follows:

- presentation to remind the context of energy (energy consumption, especially of local communities, opening of the electricity market, RES-e in Rhône-Alpes, feed-in tariff and financing, counting and tracing of green electricity)
- round table to clarify the motivations and waitings regarding the purchase of green electricity
- round table regarding the topic of investment in new RES-e plants the own projects of the syndicates of energy
- opinion of the green electricity suppliers regarding the installation of new RES-e plants; support to projects of local communities

Results, follow-up:

During the meeting the participants have had the opportunity to get clear information about the mechanism of the certification for green electricity. The French mechanisms for the balance of the overcosts due to the production of RES-e were also clarified and explained. The reasons for overcosts in the commercial offers of RES-e have been also examined and discussed. Finally, the opinion expressed by the syndicates of energy is very clear: they rather like to install their own RES-e plants and help municipalities to do the same than consider the purchase of certified “green” electricity.

At the end of the meeting, the next items to be placed at the agenda of the next meeting have been decided: the different legal possibilities open to the syndicates of energy to install themselves RES-e plants.

The date of the next meeting has been planned for the 21st September.

The minutes of the meeting has been sent to the participants and also to other interested people who were not be able to participate in the meeting.

Further information: [www...](#)

List of Participants:

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