

RES-e Regions

WP2: Grid access/administrative procedures

Title:

“Information Meeting: administrative procedures and grid access for mini-hydro and biomass power plants”

Date & location: 15th March 2007, Genoa

Organiser: ARE Liguria

Number of Participants: 20



Short description:

The meeting was held on 15th march 2007 at the offices of the Enviromental Department of the Regione Liguria. It was organized in collaboration with Regione Liguria and Enel (which is almost the only grid operator in Liguria) and focused on the main issues in administrative procedures and grid access for mini-hydro and biomass power plants.

Background:

The Information Meeting was conceived to discuss the special needs and concerns of mini-hydro and biomass power plant project developers of in our region. In fact from the planners platform, the phone calls and the advices it emerged that either administrative procedures and the ones needed to connect the plant to the grid are the most common barriers to develop RES-e power plants in our region. Especially for mini-hydro power plants there is a lot of uncertainty regarding the time needed to obtain the water diversion concession issued by the competent authority (Region or Province), taking more than a year and a half in our Region, whereas for biomass power plants the most delicate aspect of the authorisation procedure is related to the emissions control.

Aim & programme:

The meeting, made up of two parts (presentations and discussion), involved project developers and regional authority in charge of the environmental permission procedures and technicians from Enel Distribution.

It was opened by Maria Fabianelli, who offered a short presentation of the meeting, explaining that it was conceived, not only to provide useful information to the project developers, but to discuss their issues and experience in developing RES-e plants in our region as well. Silvia Moggia (ARE Liguria) presented the “RES-e Regions” project and the fundamental results achieved, followed by Paola Solari (Regione Liguria) who offered an overview of the situation of the environmental issues connected to the development of mini-hydro and biomass power plants. The first part of the meeting was closed by Sonia Sandei (Enel), who presented the concerns Enel has in biomass and Giovanni Noli, who described the details of connecting RES-e plants to the grid. A debate followed.



European Project "RES-e Regions"
"Boosting Green Electricity in 11 European Regions"

Regional Information Meeting

**"Administrative procedures and grid access for
mini-hydro and biomass power plants"**

15,00 Opening - Maria Fabianelli (ARE Liguria SpA)

Presentation:

"The RES-e Regions Project – Boosting Green Electricity in Our Region" - Silvia Moggia (ARE Liguria)

Presentation:

"Description of the Administrative Procedures and Environmental Authorization for mini-hydro and biomass power plants in Liguria" - Paola Solari (Environmental Department – Region of Liguria)

Presentation:

"The "Environment and Innovation" Project" - Sonia Sandei (Enel Holding):

Presentation:

"Grid access for renewable energy sources" – Giovanni Noli (Enel Distribution)

Ore 17,00 Debate

Ore 18,00 Conclusions

Results, follow-up:

The meeting involved:

- project developers of mini-hydro and biomass power plants,
- regional authorities in charge of the different permission procedures, especially environmental permission procedures,
- grid operators

and succeeded in establishing a dialogue between these different groups.

The project developers presented their day-to-day experience and problems and provided useful suggestions for solutions.

On the other hand the regional authorities and grid operators provided the operators a lot of information about the procedures and the time needed to obtain the permissions.

During the meeting ARE Liguria distributed the project developer guide and all the publications realized within the project.