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Intelligent Energy



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Project Summary

Renewable Energy is high on the agenda of the EU. In March 2007, the Heads of States of the 27 member countries of the European Union adopted a **binding target of 20 % renewable energy from final energy consumption by 2020**. In January 2008, the European Commission has presented a **draft Directive on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable energy sources**, which was adopted in December 2008. The Directive foresees the obligation for Member States (MS) to develop and submit by March 2010 to the European Commission national Renewable energy Actions Plans (RAPs) outlining how to achieve their binding Renewable Energy Sources (RES) target by 2020 with concrete measures in the electricity, heating and cooling and biofuels sectors.

The specific objective of REPAP2020 is to facilitate the process of implementation of the RES Directive on a national level. The main target group of REPAP2020 are Parliamentarians and Civil Servants in national administrations as well as national industry associations. REPAP2020 aims to support their political work in the field of Renewable Energy – mainly related to the Renewable Energy National Action Plans.

REPAP2020 will – in a first phase before the notification of the RAPs to the European Commission – accompany the development of the RAPs by offering good advice to the relevant authorities on the design of the RAPs. Furthermore, REPAP2020 will empower national industry associations to come up with their individual national RES roadmaps which will serve as important tool to influence the drafting phase of the RAPs.

In a second phase, the project will evaluate the RAPs in order to facilitate a constant feedback and learning process. REPAP2020 will show good policy practice and highlight missing pieces in the individual RAPs.

REPAP2020 also aims at creating a network of key players in the field and at offering a platform for the RES industry as well as for Parliamentarians and National Administrations in charge of energy issues. These key actors will be involved both as input providers and disseminating partners. REPAP2020 shall enable them to express their views on the political process and help to improve the upcoming political decisions on RES within Europe and especially on the Member States' level.

Major outputs and Results - including main result indicators (2.000 characters):

The specific objective of the proposed action is to facilitate the process of implementation of the RES Directive on a national level. The major outputs of the project will be:

- **Strong Network of national RES associations** that will act as a forum for exchange of information and discussion on issues related to the development of renewable energy & provide a bridge from the EU to the national RES policy level
- **Strong Network of Parliamentarians** of all levels in the field of RES as well as in related subjects as precondition for a better experience exchange in order to find the best political and legislative measures, instruments and activities
- **Facilitate the process of implementation of EU legislation at national level.** Despite good EU legislation and ambitious national plans, RES measures are often not

implemented in full on national level. The project aims at facilitating this implementation process from the EU RES Directive to national RAPs.

- **Increased awareness, level of knowledge of and experience exchange** amongst industry and Parliamentarians and other stakeholders across Europe on political and legislative measures, instruments and activities within the framework of the Renewable Energy National Action Plans (RAPs)
- **Ultimately a coherent implementation of the future RES directive on national level**
- **Increased awareness of decision makers on RES policy issues**