

BETTER Kickoff 12.-13.07.2012

Summary: Very strong focus on action is needed. No research project! Action plans should be developed with those stakeholders that have the power to decide on them and that agree with the content. The project must have an impact in terms of implementation (difficult to monitor. example for prove: letters from ministries thanking for workshops and highlighting the progress through the cooperation with BETTER).

- ➔ Review carefully all existing initiatives and research projects and avoid duplication. Funding will depend on proof of the added value.
- ➔ Ensure getting access to key stakeholders, including through the
- ➔ Sufficiently take into account host country expectations, strategies and context

Johan: PIK is very good at analyzing data but not at collecting it → data needs to be provided to them

OME: Data is available but members complained about frequent data requests without anything (e.g. results) flowing back to them → involvement and keeping partners updated and provide outputs

Franz Trieb on benefit sharing: sharing energy of one plant is difficult. (At least for NA?) there would be some plants only for EU supply and others for local supply.

Resolve-E: shows on annual basis which tec. would be most suitable (cost-efficient) to meet demand/targets. Different policy options can be tested.

- Renewable costs from GreenX
- Fuel cost scenarios as input = optimization model (#GreenX)
- Possible to calculate cost targets e.g. "what is the price needed to make a tec. Economically useful for target achievement"

Emanuela: Stakeholder involvement in case studies – not "their" workshops bit they are happy to support → use them to support the case studies (a major work of them)

2nd day

Robert Lorenz, DG-Ener

- Initiative for the mex. Topic came from Council (before not foreseen in the call)
- MS do request help for mex. Implementation and perceive them as complicated
- 2011 communication on int-relations in energy
- Guidance doc to come first half of 2013, staff working paper exists already
 - Anything that can flow in is more than welcome

- Afterwards pick up the guidance and build on it to support implementation
- NA: Paving the way-project
- !!! Western Balkan: likely that they adopt RED, next meeting in October where a decision could be taken
- They think about a forum like a res-e trade fair (2x/a)
- Post-2020: Communication from June 2012 but no decision, 2018 was discussed as a deadline but can be seen as too late
- **On WP 2.3: Move quickly to bottom-up approach!** A lot of generic thinking has already been done.
- Small scale (pilot?) activities are already foreseen so there should be learning from this
- There are information gaps for the Balkan which the EU would be happy to see filled (plans for RE?)

William Gillet, EACI (get slides!)

- get slides on recent EU policies
 - We should take into account the broad context incl existing development initiatives in sub-saharan Africa etc... ("grey area" between cooperation and development cooperation) <-> EU neighbourhood policy
 - Get the right people in the advisory board to get the doors to contacts opened
 - Address 3 levels of policy makers: EU, MS national, 3rd country
 - Stakeholders need to "own" recommendations to be encouraged to adopt them and follow up with them
 - The language should fit – the best is that recommendations to a banker are written by a banker, otherwise one does not get the message across
 - Look at performance indicators in Annex 1
 - WP 2.1: Member State's progress will be published by EU end 2012 – not needed to be undertaken by the project!
 - **Energy Community is an observer of EU Process, so info could be gathered through energy community**
- ⇒ In order to make sure that we are on track the best is to present the progress report in 8 month to EACI and DG-energy and ask for feedback (regarding e.g. important omissions, also in case some non-public initiatives are underway that should somehow be taken into account)