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Renewable energy cooperation by 2020 and beyond: OPEN STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION WORKSHOP OF THE BETTER PROJECT

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UN House Brussels
14, rue Montoyer – 1000 Brussels
9h00-13h30

The cooperation mechanisms of the renewable energy directive aimed to enable a cost efficient target achievement of RES targets by 2020. So far, however, only limited plans to make use of the mechanisms have emerged. Still cooperation on meeting renewable energy goals are high on the policy agenda as stressed in the EU council conclusion on the 2030 Energy and Climate framework. Also the communication on an EU Energy Union stresses the role of cooperation with neighboring regions. In this context, the aim of this workshop is to discuss opportunities and challenges of renewable energy cooperation with EU neighbor countries by 2020 and beyond. The workshop will present the results of a three-year project focusing on:

- What are the long-term economic benefits that can be reached at the EU and third country level under different energy policy cooperation assumptions?
- What are the main positive side-effects of enhanced energy cooperation between the EU and its neighboring countries?
- How can renewable energy cooperation contribute to Europe's decarbonisation and energy security?

The Intelligent Energy Europe project **“Bringing Europe and Third Countries Closer together through Renewable Energies” (BETTER)** has conducted a critical analysis of the drivers and obstacles of renewable energy cooperation as well as of the main potential socio-economic and environmental benefits for both EU and Third countries.

A combined quantitative analysis through bottom-up and top-down approaches with intensive dialogue and exchange with numerous stakeholders has been done - project findings incorporate voices of key partners and beneficiaries in host countries.

An integrated assessment with scenario analysis indicates the impact of cooperation to achieve the renewable energy targets in accordance with the 2009 directive. As a result, a set of roadmaps, policy recommendations and guidelines to project developers have been developed. In this workshop, these and other results of the project will be presented and discussed with experts.





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AGENDA

9:00-9:20 INTRODUCTION

Welcome:

9:00-9:10 Sandra Vlašić, UNDP Croatia

9:10-9:20 The BETTER project: Natalia Caldés, CIEMAT, BETTER Project Coordinator

9:20-11:20 STATUS QUO AND ACTION PLANS TO FOSTER RES COOPERATION IN NA, WB AND TURKEY

20 min North Africa case study, (Karina Veum, ECN)

20 min West Balkans case study, (Andreas Tuerk Joanneum Research & Carolien Kraan, ECN)

20 min Turkey case study, (André Ortner TU Vienna & Ayla Uslu, ECN)

Regional RES cooperation from stakeholders perspective

30 min **Roundtable discussion** Speakers and stakeholders (moderator: Emanuela Menichetti)
Florian Zickfeld (ABENGOA), Johannes Van de Ven (EBRD)

11:20-11:50 *Coffee Break*

11:50-13:30 MOVING TOWARDS RES COOPERATION

MOVING TOWARDS RES COOPERATION 2020 AND BEYOND:

A model based perspective, Gustav Resch, TU-Vienna

What are the next steps towards RES cooperation by 2020 and beyond?

Roundtable discussion with stakeholders on key results for the roadmap (moderator: Karina Veum, ECN)
Boris Schinke (Germanwatch), Miriam Bardolet (BETTER Advisory Board Member; former Dii),

WRAP UP AND MAIN CONCLUSIONS

