



Atlantic Arc Commission

Marine Renewable Energies Working Group

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Consultation on the New Renewable Energy Directive

Questions of interest

3. Please rate the importance of the following elements being included in Member States' national energy and climate plans with respect to renewable energy in ensuring that the plans contribute to reaching the objectives of at least 27% in 2030.

	Very important	Important	Not very important	Not important	No opinion
Long term priorities and visions for decarbonisation and renewable energy up to 2050					

4. What should be the geographical scope of support schemes, if and when needed, in order to drive the achievement of the 2030 target in a cost-effective way?

- Harmonised EU-wide level support schemes
- Regional level support schemes (group of Member States with joint support scheme)
- National support schemes fully or partially open to renewable energy producers in other Member States
- Gradual alignment of national support schemes through common EU rules
- National level support schemes that are only open to national renewable energy producers

6. The current Renewable Energy Directive gives Member States the possibility to enter into various cooperation mechanisms (statistical transfers, joint projects and/or joint support schemes). Please expand on the possible new legislative and non-legislative measures that could be introduced to foster the development of cooperation mechanisms in the period beyond 2020.

10. *The Energy Union Framework Strategy sets the ambition of making the European Union the global "number one in renewables". What legislative and non-legislative measures could be introduced to make/strengthen the EU as the number one in renewables? Has the RED been effective and efficient in improving renewable energy industrial development and EU competitiveness in this sector?*

14. *Please rate the appropriateness of stronger EU rules in the following areas to remove barriers that may be specifically hampering the further deployment of renewable energy projects at the local level :*

	<i>Very appropriate</i>	<i>Appropriate</i>	<i>Not very appropriate</i>	<i>Not appropriate</i>	<i>No opinion</i>
<i>Promoting the integration of renewable energy in local infrastructure and public services</i>					
<i>Supporting local authorities in preparing strategies and plans for the promotion of renewable energy</i>					
<i>Facilitating cooperation between relevant actors at the local or municipal level</i>					
<i>Facilitating access to targeted financing</i>					
<i>EU-wide right to generate, self-consume and store renewable electricity</i>					
<i>Measures to ensure that surplus self-generated electricity is fairly valued</i>					
<i>Harmonized principles for network tariffs that promote consumers' flexibility and minimise system costs</i>					

20. Please assess the importance of stronger EU rules in the following areas to remove grid regulation and infrastructure barriers for renewable electricity deployment:

	<i>Very important</i>	<i>Important</i>	<i>Not very important</i>	<i>Not important</i>	<i>No opinion</i>
<i>Treatment of curtailment, including compensation for curtailment</i>					
<i>Transparent and foreseeable grid development, taking into account renewable development and integrating both TSO and DSO level and smart technologies</i>					
<i>Predictable transparent and non-discriminatory connection procedure</i>					
<i>Obligation/priority of connection for renewables</i>					
<i>Cost of grid access, including cost structure</i>					
<i>Legal position of renewable energy developers to challenge grid access decisions by TSOs</i>					
<i>Transparency on local grid congestion and/or market-based incentives to invest in uncongested areas</i>					

[Box: Comments and other ideas, including whether there are any consideration concerning gas from renewable energy sources, for instance expansion of gas infrastructure, publication of technical rules, please explain. Max 500 words]

23. Please identify precise challenges with regard to grid regulation and infrastructure barriers in EU Member States that you are aware of.

26. How can public acceptance towards renewable energy projects and related grid development be improved?