

WINDEUROPE PRIORITIES FOR THE POST-2020 RENEWABLE ENERGY FRAMEWORK

Wind energy can deliver economic benefits to the European economy in 2030:

- €86 bn. of gross value added
- 334,000 jobs

To remain the world number one in renewables, the EU should raise ambition towards a collective EU renewables target of at least 30%.

To this end, the post-2020 renewable energy framework should:

1) Enshrine in legislation the governance provisions relevant to renewables:

- clear safeguard measures and enforcement tools for the European Commission to oversee and ensure target delivery;
- binding templates for national energy and climate plans;
- national renewable energy indicative benchmarks to factor in early ambition form Member States;
- an EU-level financing facility granting support to projects of regional relevance.

2) Enable support measures to incentivise wind uptake:

- reaffirm the role of support mechanisms in a revised Article 3 of the current Directive;
- establish a grandfathering principle so that retroactive or abrupt changes to national regulatory frameworks do not apply to existing assets;
- streamline administrative procedures for new and repowered projects.

3) Ensure a level-playing field through an upgraded market design:

- maintain priority dispatch until the following conditions are met:
 - integrated and liquid markets in all timeframes;
 - access to balancing and ancillary services markets;
 - sufficient infrastructure;
 - removal of inflexible generation overcapacity.

4) Set up a regional approach to offshore wind deployment based on:

- a clear political commitment to convergence of national regulatory frameworks in view of bringing down deployment costs;
- support from the European Commission to the Dutch Presidency political declaration on regional cooperation expected for the June Energy Council.