

## Project Fact Sheet

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### Optimisation of Support Schemes for Renewable Energy Sources for Electricity Generation, Heating and Cooling (SUPPORT\_ERS)

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- Energy Efficiency Agency, Bulgaria
- Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Estonia
- Energy Institute Hrvoje Pozar, Croatia
- Ministry of the Environment, Latvia
- Institute for the Diversification and Saving of Energy (IDAE), Spain
- Slovak Innovation and Energy Agency, Slovakia
- European Renewable Energy Council
- Austrian Energy Agency, Austria
- Climate Alliance

**Website:** <http://www.support-ers.eu>

**Objectives:**

- Reduction of administrative barriers for the use of RES in the new member states and candidate countries
- Involve the new member states and candidate countries in the process of the development of support schemes for RES-H in the EU
- Increase awareness of regional actors for the benefits of RES-E and RES-H

**Benefits:**

- Political awareness for administrative barriers and how to reduce them
- Political awareness on options to support RES-H
- Exchange of best-practices to reduce administrative barriers with focus on the needs of the new member states and candidate countries
- Awareness raising among regional stakeholders for benefits of RES

**Keywords:** RES-H support mechanism  
Administrative Barriers  
Regional RES

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### **Short description**

The SUPPORT\_ERS project contributes to the reduction of administrative barriers for the use of RES in the new EU member states and candidate countries, shows political decision makers in the new EU member states and candidate countries options to support RES-H, and increases the awareness of regional stakeholders for the benefits of RES. SUPPORT\_ERS will be implemented from November 2007 to January 2010. The consortium consists of 12 partners. Ministries and national energy agencies with a direct link to RES policy processes form the core of the consortium. A network of municipalities and a European interest group are involved in order to ensure the link to the regional level and to the European RES industry. SUPPORT\_ERS helps to optimise support mechanisms to speed up RES market development and to intensify the cooperation among political decision makers and policy consultants in energy agencies to meet the ambitious RES targets of 2020.

### **Expected and/or achieved results**

- Detailed information on administrative barriers for RES in the new member states and candidate countries in the consortium
- Checklist for institutions on how to reduce administrative barriers for RES incl. best-practices
- Recommendations to policy makers on options to support RES-H
- Regional RES training modules (incl. planning aspects) and 7 regional seminars in the new member states and candidate countries

### **Regional RES training modules Lessons learnt**

This project has started in November 2007. It is therefore too early to draw lessons.