

You are cordially invited to attend the workshop:

Advancing French markets for renewable energy

Guarantee of origin market outlook, transposition of new European directive, desirable regulatory changes

16 September 2019 | 10:00 – 16:00
Hotel Best Western Ronceray Opera
10 Boulevard Montmartre | 75009 Paris

(This workshop will be in French)

Workshop overview

France has a distinct national energy system within the European Union. The significant role of nuclear energy, extensive interconnections with the biggest European economies, and government involvement all give France a degree of uniqueness within the EU. While its market for renewable energy market is growing, France still has a lot to do to meet its EU targets in this area. Guarantees of origin (GOs) could, and should, help France to address this challenge by providing greater market opportunities for the accelerated development of renewables.

Having assess the French and European GO markets, this workshop will set out how the country's implementation of the new EU Renewable Energy Directive, specifically Article 19 on Guarantees of Origin, could help France:

- Increase private investment in renewable energy capacity
- reduce the cost of administrative support for renewables
- contribute to and accelerated European energy transition.

The agenda below sets out the topics to be covered, and details for registration can be found at the end.

Programme

10:00 – 10:30	Welcome coffee and registration
10:30 – 11:15	Introduction to renewable energy markets in Europe
11:15 – 12:00	French renewable energy markets and the role of GOs
12:00 – 13:00	Networking lunch
13:00 – 14:00	Implications of the new Directive for the French market
14:00 – 14:45	The role of GO auctions in French renewable energy markets (Pownext - TBC)
14:45 – 15:00	Short break
15:00 – 15:30	How French policy can spur voluntary consumption of renewable energy
15:30 – 16:00	Discussion/Q&A with all presenters
16:00	End of meeting – drinks

Intended audience

This workshop will provide an opportunity for stakeholders from public organisations and agencies, business, NGOs and civil society groups to come together and discuss the future of renewable energy in France.

Location, date & time, and registration details

- The Workshop will take place at the Hotel Ronceray Opera in Paris on the 16th of September 2019 from 10h – 16h.
- Members of RECS International and EU/National government officials can attend the meeting free of charge. Regular attendees will be charged €50 as a contribution to the costs of the workshop.
- Registration is required as places will be limited. [Please register here.](#)

Full agenda

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee and registration –networking opportunity

10:30 – 11:15 Introduction to renewable energy markets in Europe (Adam White – Director, RECS International)

Renewable energy markets in Europe, backed by Guarantees of Origin, have grown in importance over the past two decades. They are a well regulated and recognised tool that allows consumers to buy the electricity they want and generators to secure an income stream as an alternative, or a complement, to public support schemes. During this part of the workshop, RECS International will provide an overview of how guarantees of origin have developed in the EU, and the current status of their use.

11:15 – 12:00 French renewable energy markets and the role of GOs (Ivan Debay)

The voluntary consumption of renewable energy and offers to buy green electricity are both on the rise in France. As a result, an unprecedented situation has arisen, wherein the country can play a decisive role in the acceleration of the development of renewable energies in Europe. An analysis of the evolution of prices and volumes of GOs, as well as the link with the European market, will be presented to explain why.

12:00 – 13:00 Networking lunch

13:00 – 14:00 Implications of the new Directive for the French market (Adam White)

The important role that guarantees of origin can play in the development of renewable energy has been codified in the agreement and entry into force (in December 2018) of a recast Renewable Energy Directive (RED-2). This EU law dedicates an article (Article 19) to GOs that both expands their use and strengthens the systems that they depend on. RECS International has produced a detailed analysis of the article (also available in French) and will use this session to set out headline priorities for its implementation by France and other EU Member States.

14:00 – 14:45 The role of auctioning in French renewable energy markets

(Powernext - TBC)

Currently, renewable energy developments in France can only sell the guarantees of origin that certify the renewable power they generate if they forgo benefitting from French feed-in tariffs. Those who accept the state support have to turn over the guarantees of origin to the government's Direction Générale de l'Energie et du Climat (DGEC) who have announced that they will then auction them by means of recovering some of the costs of the support scheme. This system, and how the implementation of Article 19 of the RED-2 could affect and improved it, will be discussed in detail in this session.

14:45 – 15:00 Short break**15:00 – 15:30 How French policy can spur voluntary consumption of renewable energy** (Ivan Debay)

Having covered the history and current state of renewable energy markets in the EU and France, as well as an overview of implementation priorities for the new EU directive in all Member States, this session will set out specific steps that the French authorities could take to boost the use of GOs in French energy markets.

15:30 – 16:00 Discussion/Q&A with all presenters**16:00 End of meeting – drinks**