
RECS Policy Workshop: Market based support for RES
Oslo, 19 June 2014

Location: Simonsen Vogt Wiig AS office
Time: 13.00 - 17.00
Chairman: Claes Hedenström

1. Introduction

Making support systems for renewable energy more market based means in general opening up the borders and opening up the borders might mean no control over support measures for renewables by individual governments anymore. A political dilemma is born. As RECS International we believe we have solutions for this dilemma. In the second half of this workshop we would like to discuss the proposed solutions with the experts attending the workshop.

Before discussing the possible solutions we have invited experts who'll give more background information about this political dilemma.

More background information on the Åland case will be given. The Åland case is one of the two cases in the European Court of Justice (ECJ) that might force governments to stop the national approaches in existing support systems for renewables. In the voluntary market however, the borders are already open and it is interesting to see how a tax exemption triggers a certain demand in practice, that possibly leads to more production.

The case in the UK with the use of the LEC's will be explained. Apart from these examples Norway and Sweden have setup a Joint Support system for renewables. It is interesting to hear the lessons learned and to see if this way of thinking will lead to solutions for the political dilemma. The situation in the US is in a sense similar to the situation in Europe and the question can be asked if we can learn from across the Ocean?

After the break RECS International will present some basic elements for solutions. These possible solutions will be discussed within a panel and with the attendees. The outcome of these discussions will be summarized in the closing of the workshop. We have the intention to close the workshop with clear recommendations to solutions if possible.

Note that the meeting is open for RECS members as well non-RECS members. This workshop is organized on Thursday 19 June 2014, a day before the open Advisory Group meeting. All participants are invited to join us for a networking dinner in the evening.

Draft Programme Market based support for RES	
13.00 hours	Opening and welcome by moderators Claes Hedenström, President RECS International
13.05 hours	The Åland case and implications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is at stake with the Åland case • What are the possible consequences? By Catherine Banet (lawyer at Simonsen Vogt Wiig)
13.25 hours	Import of renewable electricity in the UK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What triggers the large volumes of import of renewables in the UK • What is the relation with the LEC and the GO • Will this mechanism sustain? • What are the lessons to be learned: is this a policy solutions for the political dilemma? <i>By Anette Gussiås , Bergen Energi</i>
13.45 hours	Joint support system Norway-Sweden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the lessons learned? • What solutions are these giving us? <i>To be confirmed</i>
14.05 hours	What can we learn from the situation in the US? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the situation much different from the situation in Europe • What can we learn from across the Ocean? <i>By Claes Hedenström and Jared Braslawsky, RECS International</i>
15.00 hours	Break
15.30 hours	Possible solutions proposed by RECS International <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main messages/solutions for RECS International to bring forward in the public debate • A proposal from the board: main elements for a position paper

16.00 hours	<p>Panel discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structured discussion about the solutions for the political dilemma RECS can/should bring forward? • Discussion themes will follow out the introduction from RECS International
6.30 hours	<p>Wrapping up the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What solutions can RECS International bring forward?
17.00 hours	<p>Closing</p>
19.00 hours	<p>All participants are invited for a networking dinner and open Advisory Group meeting the next day.</p>