

10 reasons to join the RE-DISS/EPED Competent Body Group

1. RE-DISS and EPED will provide guidance for a reliable and accurate implementation of the three European Directives regulating guarantees of origin and disclosure

The two projects aim at supporting European countries to properly implement the requirements set out in the new RES Directive as well as in the Cogeneration Directive and the Internal Energy Market Directive in relation to the provisions of Directive 2004/8/EC and Directive 2009/28/EC on Guarantees of Origin and Directive 2009/72/EC on disclosure.

2. No time to loose : implementation of the Guarantees of Origin in national law needs to be finalised at the latest on the 5th December 2010 !

RE-DISS already has a set of ready recommendations that can be discussed, adapted and agreed. These recommendations have been produced in the framework of the E-TRACK II project, after a thorough analysis of tracking systems in each of the 27 Members and consultation workshops with interested stakeholders and competent bodies.

3. By participating you will be able to influence best practice recommendations from the RE-DISS/EPED projects

In the RE-DISS/EPED projects, it is foreseen that a Competent Body Group will be created. This group will be formed by organisations that are designated as Competent Bodies for Guarantees of Origin for electricity from renewable energy sources or cogeneration or disclosure. Depending on the regulations in each Member State, the responsible bodies can be regulators, Transmission Systems Operators, ministries, governmental agencies or private bodies which have been assigned with the respective tasks. The aim is to have 10 Member States represented in this group, but all interested Member States are welcome to participate. This Competent Body Group will be presented with the already existing E-TRACK II recommendations with a view to determining which ones should be modified, adopted or left aside.

4. Implementing a reliable disclosure framework needs a minimum of coordination between Member States

To avoid multiple counting of electricity attributes, not only are there requirements for the implementation of disclosure and Guarantees of Origin on a national level, but it is also necessary that Member States agree, on an international level, on a common process to account for unbalances between imports and exports of physical electricity and imports and exports of electricity attributes. This coordination supposes the creation of a European Attribute mix that will enable countries that have a surplus or a shortage of attributes to transfer the excess attributes to the mix or on the contrary to cover a shortage of attributes with the composition of the European mix.

5. RE-DISS and EPED will offer you the possibility to regularly exchange views and experiences with your counterparts across Europe

The workshops organised for the Competent Body Group will be an opportunity to raise questions, exchange on difficulties of implementation and benefit from the experience of Competent Bodies that may have solved these issues already or to mutualise thinking on specific topics.

6. RE-DISS/EPED Competent Body Group will give you priority access to data that will help you calculate disclosure information for your own country

Being a Competent Body Partner will entitle you to benefit in the first place from calculations about “Residual Mixes” in each European country, which could be used as default information for the disclosure of electricity of unknown origin in your own country. Also a dedicated section on the project website (www.reliable-disclosure.org) will enable you to have access to a restricted area with working documents, templates, estimations for the calculation of these Residual Mixes.

7. RE-DISS/EPED Competent Body Group will give you access to a group of experts working on similar issues, which is supported by consultants from the EU-funded RE-DISS project.

The RE-DISS project foresees the elaboration of tailor made recommendations for the individual countries, that, as a participant to the Competent Body Group, you will be able to discuss, amend and improve through the provision of information on the specifics on your country. The team of consultants will be available to discuss and assess drafts of documents that you may produce in the process of implementation in national legislation and regulation.

8. RE-DISS, follow up project from E-TRACK I and II

After E-TRACK I and E-TRACK II, RE-DISS is the third consortium led by Oeko-Institut on the subject of Guarantees of origin and disclosure that receives a funding from the European Commission through the Intelligent Energy-Europe programme. E-TRACK produced a standard for a harmonised and coherent tracking of electricity in Europe and recommendations for the implementation of this standard. The further support by the same programme of RE-DISS shows that the recommendations have been highly appreciated by European instances and that any implementation of the three Directives that follows the RE-DISS recommendations is very likely to be positively assessed by the European Commission.

9. RE-DISS and EPED are also supported by market players

RE-DISS and EPED benefit from a strong support of RECS-International, the association regrouping renewable electricity producers, traders, suppliers, which use the European Energy Certificate System (EECS®). EPED is a joint initiative between AIB (Association of Issuing Bodies) and the RECS-International, the European Platform for Electricity Disclosure (EPED, www.eped.eu).

The green energy market is growing full speed and has to be correctly regulated, which is also supported by the RECS-International.

10. Competent body partners will be free to choose what part of the recommendations they implement

Of course, the participation in the Competent Body Group does not imply a commitment to implement all of RE-DISS best practices and recommendations. There is no such obligation.

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