



Key Issues for Renewable Heat in Europe (K4RES-H)

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The Project's basis and idea

- ✓ Input to policy process (timing is important!)
- ✓ Recognition that the heating sector is a 'neglected giant' by industry as well as national and EU policy makers – almost 50% of energy demand in heating/cooling ! & uneven distribution/growth of technologies and markets among Member States (strengthen policy!)
- ✓ Experience shows: policy matters but... content & guidelines for implementation of a RES-H Directive were not completely clear – need for action was identified.

The project idea based on this problematic. 5 Key Issues were identified for further work...

K4RES-H



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Duration:

January 2005 – June 2007 (30 months)

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Methodology

Work on 5 Key Issues:

- Verifiable targets for RES-H
- Quantifying the energy delivery of individual RES-H installations
- Regulations
- Financial Incentives
- Innovative RES-H applications

Process:

- Study & develop concrete guidelines on each Key Issue per technology, based on common methodologies, in working groups and during regular (policy) meetings; from the meeting notes and input, final results developed
- Guidelines per technology and then per RES-H as a whole elaborated also in meetings and during discussions.

Final result:

- Specific guidelines for each Key Issue
- Sectorial action plans for solar thermal, bioheat and geothermal
- Integrated RES-H Action Plan for Europe

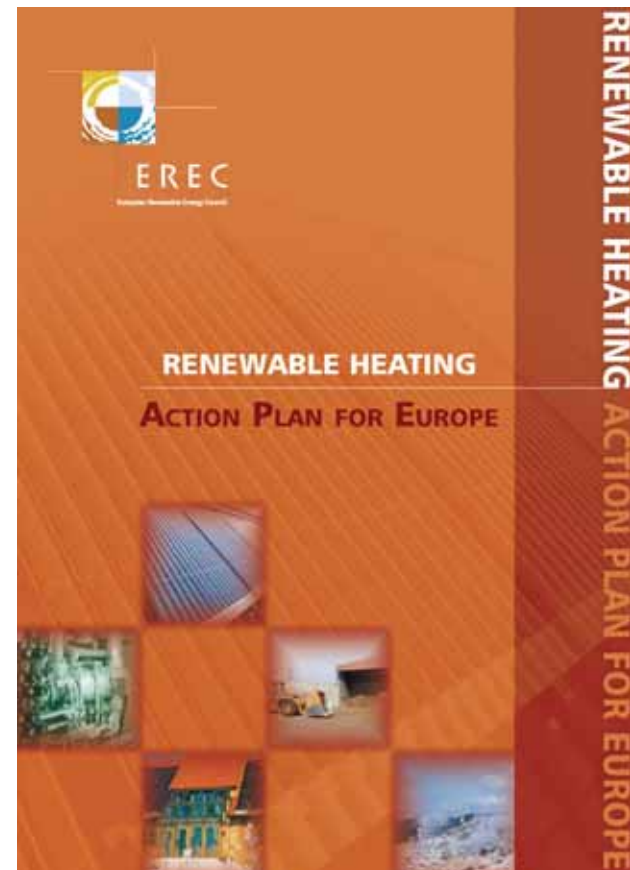


RES-H Action Plan

RES-H target of 25%
by 2020

coherent policy

framework for RES-H





Coherent policy framework for RES-H





The target audience

- National, local and regional policy makers (energy policy)
- European policy makers
- Industry
- National energy agencies & public planning bodies

Outreach to the target audience and active collaboration through:

- Participation of the Joint Research Centre of the EC and 2 energy agencies in the project
- meetings with Commission officials and Parliamentarians in Brussels
- Discussion at Boards of Directors and Advisory Councils of industry
- national workshops in 4 countries: Italy, Slovakia, France and Latvia - National contacts are mostly civil servants from the national ministries (Economy, Environment mostly)
- Brussels Round Table within the European Renewable Energy Policy Conference with 4 ministers, 2 Commissioners, 2 secretaries of state



Monitoring the impacts of our project

The main outcome from the project

- Action Plan for Heat in Europe
- sector-specific Action Plans for biomass, geothermal energy and solar thermal

have provided the input to workshops, seminars and press activities. We discuss the findings with the target audience and we monitor the downloads of the publications. Extensive dissemination activities have taken place.

The Action Plans were launched during the 2007 European Renewable Energy Policy Conference in Brussels in January 2007 during the RES heating & cooling session on the second day of the conference. More than 800 people attended the event in total and received the Action Plan for Heat in Europe together with the delegates bag.



Co-financing

- The industry associations assured co-financing through their industries – industries saw the potential of the project in the long-term
- The other partners saw the potential of the project and assured their own financing through internal budgets



Conclusions

- Ask the right questions at the right time
- Find highly relevant partners
- Produce valuable output
- Conduct solid dissemination

EC funding was/is vital!



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