



Motion nr. 8

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Motion: Renewable energy targets using Statistical Transfer

Introduction:

When the countries of Europe defined their targets for CO2 reduction and use of Renewable Energy Sources (RES) in the year 2020, it was clear that some would easily reach their goals while others needed huge investments and efforts. This is why the Directive created "cooperation mechanisms" to facilitate cross-border support of renewable energy. These mechanisms (statistical transfers, joint projects, and joint support schemes) give Member States flexibility to jointly exploit cheaper renewable energy sources. Whilst nearly all Member States have some low cost domestic renewable energy sources to exploit, there are clearly areas of Europe where resource potential is more plentiful and cheaper than in others.¹

Statistical transfer means that renewable energy which has been produced in one member state is ex-post and virtually transferred to the RES statistics of another member state, counting towards the national RES target of the latter member state.²

These mechanisms have many benefits:

- a. Countries can reach their RES-targets in an easier way and at lower costs.
- b. Co-operations between countries can stimulate employment and innovation.
- c. Renewable Energy production at a larger scale can lower the cost much faster and more easily.
- d. It offers regions more flexibility in the development of RES in the future as it can lower "pressure" on targets to be met.

In spite of these advantages the approach is insufficiently used. This motion is an attempt to propose an analysis for the reasons and find ways to stimulate the development of the mentioned mechanisms more intensively.

- 1.) Text from Directive 2009/28/EC, Guidance on the use of renewable energy cooperation mechanism
- 2.) Text from the Grant agreement no. EIE/08/517/SI2.529243

The European Free Alliance;

Proposes the EFA Group in the European Parliament to transfer this motion to:

1. A request for an analysis on the use of statistical transfer, and joint schemes.
2. A question how possible obstacles can be neutralized.
3. A request to find ways to promote and stimulate the use of the mechanisms.

Explanatory note:

The use of “statistical transfer, joint projects and joint support schemes” can help regions to reduce the pressure from country governments in reaching the 2020 targets, and other future targets. Many of these targets are defined without the involvement of the regions themselves. Besides this aspect the countries, who cannot reach their targets, can be stimulated to co-operate with other EU-countries and regions, simply for their own financial benefit.