

“Special Framework for the Spatial Planning and Sustainable Development for the Renewable Energy Sources-RES”

Region / country	Greece
Leading actor(s)	Hellenic Ministry for the Environment Physical Planning and Public Works
Participating actor(s)	Other 8 co-competent Ministries in Greece with Ministry of Development having a primary role in implementation.
Main objective(s)	Establishing an integrated approach to climate and energy policy in Greece by promoting environmental sustainability, combating climate change and fostering investments, on equal footing, through the promotion of a coherent framework of physical planning from the installation of RES projects so as by 2010 total installed capacity of RES reaches 3,869 MW excluding large hydropower units.
Contents	<p>The Special Framework for the Spatial Planning and Sustainable Development for the Renewable Energy Sources-RES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identifies criteria and guidelines for the site allocation of RES projects, per RES category and type of geographic area, with emphasis on wind systems. - Facilitates permitting authorities as well as interested investors by settling competitive and contradictory land uses so as to ensure sustainability of RES investment as well as their harmonious incorporation within the natural and human environment. - Determines the key prerequisites for the harmonisation and coherence between all other spatial and urban plans subject to the Special Framework for RES, contributing at the same time to the achievement of the targets set under national and EU policies. - Determines the percentages for the contribution of each RES to achieving by 2010 a total installed capacity of 3,869 MW as follows: wind systems-87%, small hydro-9.4%, biomass-2.7%, geothermal energy-0.4%, PVs-0.5%. - Includes an Action Plan containing range of practical measures, activities and actions required for the full and effective implementation of the Special Framework as well as their respective sources of finance.
Expected results	Contribution to promotion of RES related investment and infrastructure in Greece so that by 2010 the percentage of gross power consumption from RES amounts to 20,1% (also fulfilling national obligations under EU Dir 2001/77), i.e. adding an extra 3,000 MW to the currently installed capacity. The Framework also provide the basis for a further increase of RES contribution to power supply after 2010, aiming to reach 29% by 2020.
Target area / place	Greece – nation wide
Arrangement(s) for financing	National budget and complementary EU funding through 4 th Community Structural Fund
Monitoring process and time frame	Ongoing monitoring by the “National Council for Spatial Planning and Sustainable Development”; review of the Framework every 5 years or earlier if so required; timeframe until 2010 with possibilities for expansion.
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