

# EREF

European Renewable Energies Federation

## **The upcoming Work Programme for Directorate General of Energy of the European Commission**

### **EREF's points of urgency**

The European Commission in the coming years ahead needs in our view to follow up on the following points of action and work:

- Europe has to aim for 100 % renewable as soon as possible. This needs to be integrated in the work program of the Commission already for the next five years.
- A clear monitoring and guidance of Member States to deliver meaningful and progressive National Renewable Energy Action plans including strict monitoring and reporting on success and failure
- Incentives to Member States to have a broad basket of technologies supported
- Increase efforts to involve more Member States into the feed-in system
- Advice to Member State to interlink their renewable energy policies without endangering feed-in (FiT) mechanisms but rather moving ahead to guidelines for a framework of FiT-overall -EU mechanism
- Clear program on pushing towards 60 % renewable by 2050 made in Europe
- Follow up on the wish of the European Parliament to integrate the Global Energy Assessment (GEA) as analytical and strategic tool into the necessary scenario developments of the European Union
- General guidelines for how long time authorities are allowed to take for decisions about permissions for RES
- Create strong Sector approach policies in view of energy consumption and renewable technologies and to set up programs to phase out housing and commercial sector and car transport from the energy balance in making them energy consumption neutral by 2030 or energy positive and to develop master planning how to reach this goal.

- Focused and financially strengthened research on RES technology, storage and energy efficiency
- Improved grid and balancing infrastructure
- Non discriminatory access to grid in all Member States
- Increase of the grid connections between the Nordic countries and the countries at the Baltic and the North Sea. Sweden and Norway certainly have potential to export renewable electricity in the future and this electricity should not be locked in due to weak connections.
- The balancing systems should be integrated so that the variations can be covered by greater areas and in that way minimize the need and cost for balancing the electricity systems. This is one of the parts that need centralization.
- Triggering and supporting virtual power balancing with regional renewable production from various sources
- Efficiency rate increase in transport, housing, heating and cooling to at least 40 % by 2050
- Drastically improved buildings Directive
- Training incentives for RES installers
- Roundtable creation for focused exchange between utilities and IPPs and NGOs on energy structure shift towards 100 % renewable and energy
- Renewed and strengthened railway policy in Europe
- Subsidy monitoring on incumbent industries with stricter survey and consequences