



NER 300 programme: state-of-play after second amendment of award decisions

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Second amendment of award decisions (I)

- 13 Member States notified changes to 25 NER 300 projects per 30 April 2015:
 - All 25 projects requested to extend the date of entry into operation by up to 2 years
 - 5 projects request the authorisation of an upfront funding
 - 1 project notified a decrease of NER 300 funding

Second amendment of award decisions (II)

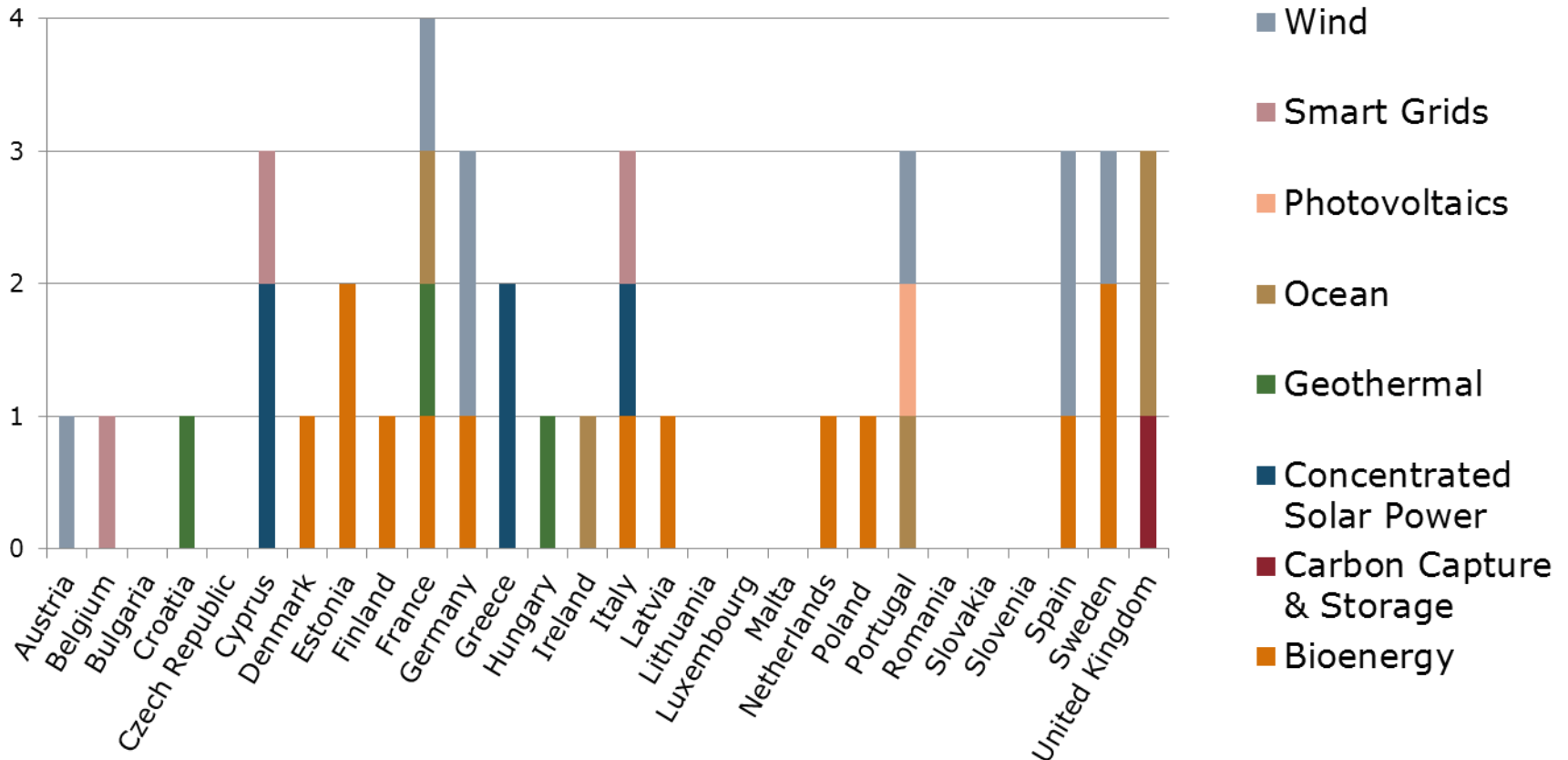
- The Commission agreed to the changes, asked the Climate Change Committee for an opinion and amended the award decisions accordingly:
 - Commission Implementing Decision C(2015) 6882 of 13 October 2015 amending Commission Implementing Decisions C(2012) 9432 and C(2014) 4493 so as to modify the award decisions under the first and second call for proposals of the NER 300 funding programme

NER 300 state-of-play (I)

- 39 projects in 20 EU Member States: 38 RES and 1 CCS
- €2.1 billion NER 300 grants, coming from the sale of 300 million ETS allowances
- Almost 80% of the NER 300 awards went to highly innovative or even potentially game changing projects
- CCS grants fixed by 15% funding cap of total allowances, RES grants in average 39% of relevant costs
- NER 300 grants can be combined with financing from other instruments, for example national funding, EFSI, InnovFin

NER 300 state-of-play (II)

Projects per Member State



NER 300 state-of-play (III)

- Three projects from the first call have entered into operation:
 - The Italian BEST bioenergy project produces ethanol from giant cane and straw
 - It entered into operation in June 2013, with an opening event in October 2013



NER 300 state-of-play (IV)

- The German Verbiostraw bioenergy project produces biogas and biofuel from straw
- It entered into operation in January 2014, with an opening event in April 2015



- The Swedish Windpark Blaiken entered into operation in January 2015
- Its wind turbines use an innovative de-icing system

NER 300 communication activities (I)

Year	Month	Event	Place	Type of activity	Projects participating
2014	June	EU Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW)	Brussels	Side event	BEST (IT) Vertimed (FR) SLim (BE)
2014	October	Ocean Energy Europe 2014	Paris	Presentation	n.a.
2014	December	SET-Plan conference	Rome	Side event	BEST (IT) Innogy (DE) South Hungarian EGS (HU)
2015	September	Energy Finance Conference	London	Presentation	n.a.
2015	September	SET-Plan conference	Luxembourg	Presentation	n.a.
2015	October	10th Conference on Sustainable Development of Energy, Water and Environment Systems	Dubrovnik	Presentation	n.a.
2015	October	EGETICA – Feria de las energías	Valencia	Presentation & Round table	FloCan5 (ES)
2015	October	Ocean Energy Europe 2015	Dublin	Presentation	n.a.

NER 300 communication activities (II)

Year	Month	Event	Place	Type of activity	Projects participating
2015	April	European Geosciences Union General Assembly (EGU)	Vienna	Presentation	n.a.
2015	June	23rd European Biomass Conference and Exhibition (EUBCE)	Vienna	Presentation at plenary session	n.a.
2015	September	8th Biofuels International Conference	Porto	Presentation	Verbiostraw (DE)
2015	October	Financial Instruments and Funding of RD&D and Geothermal Projects	Brussels	Presentation	n.a.

Source: JRC NER300 Annual Report 2015

Templates available on NER 300 website

- Payment request template
 - Payment requests are submitted by Member States - Deadlines are 15 July for annual disbursements and two months before the date for upfront payment
- Annual reporting template
 - Annual reports are submitted by Member States - Deadlines are 31 December for projects not yet in operation, and 15 July of the following year for projects in operation
- Relevant knowledge templates
 - Relevant knowledge is submitted by project sponsors (for projects in operation only) - the deadline is 15 February of the following year

Common issues in 2014 annual reports

- Report which has no legal effect contradicted award decisions (different date of entry into operation, long stop date, performance, maximum NER 300 funding, funding rate or project name)
- Reasons for delays not sufficiently explained (permits, financing, state aid approval, changes of technology, changes of partnership etc.)
- Public factsheet not fit-for-purpose

New proposed changes (I)

- The next annual deadline for Member States to notify the Commission of any proposed changes to NER 300 projects is 30 April 2016
- Any change cannot affect the scope of the projects nor the results of the selection procedure nor increase the maximum amount of funding

New proposed changes (II)

- If duly justified, changes to NER 300 projects requiring an amendment of the award decisions are:
 - Postponement of the date of entry into operation until latest 31 December 2018 (first call projects) or 30 June 2020 (second call projects)
 - Authorisation of an upfront funding, which requires a guarantee by the Member State
 - Decrease of project's relevant costs resulting in a reduction of the maximum NER 300 funding contribution

New proposed changes (III)

- If duly justified, changes to NER 300 projects requiring an agreement of the Commission are:
 - Changes to technology. Any change to the technology must however remain within the boundaries of the project's relevant NER 300 category
 - Postponement of the date for upfront payment
 - Changes to project sponsor
 - Changes to project location within territory of the Member State

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