

Revision of the PA2 targets

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Revision of targets – current status

- Current targets and actions were agreed in 2011.
- Debate on revision of targets was opened in May 2015 during the preparation of the DANUBE Transnational Programme's first call
- Procedure was agreed in June 2015 during the Joint meeting of National Coordinators and PACs
- Task: each SG to agree on the revision of targets and to inform DG REGIO by 15th November 2015.

PA2 current targets:

- Achievement of national targets based on the Europe 2020 climate and energy targets;
- Remove existing bottlenecks in energy transport in countries of the EUSDR in order to allow reverse flow of gas by 2015;
- Strengthen cooperation of the Energy Community countries with international financial institutions to upgrade the EC countries energy infrastructure and energy markets by 2015;
- Elaborate further the overarching European energy policy goals based on the Energy 2020 goals a strategy for competitive, sustainable and secure energy with special attention to the energy infrastructure priorities for 2020 and beyond and to work towards the completition of the energy internal market; the non Member States are aspiring to achieving these goals.

PA2 revision of targets - Feedbacks received

- SG members have been asked to submit their recommendation on the current PA2 targets in summer;
- Recommendations received:
 - Bavaria proposed to add new Action: "To develop and set up pre planning mechanisms for the allocation of sustainable areas for new hydro power projects".
 - Croatia proposed to prolong the target on removing existing bottlenecks in energy transport in countries of the EUSDR in order to allow reverse flow of gas by 2018.
 - Croatia proposed to add new Action: "To promote and support multipurpose cross border RES utilization projects".
 - Serbia proposed to change the target no. 1: Target highlighted for PA2:
 Achievement of national targets based on the Europe 2030 climate and energy targets and taking into account the national circumstances.
 - Serbia proposed to change the target no. 3: Strengthen cooperation of the Energy Community countries with international financial institutions to upgrade the EC countries' energy infrastructure and energy markets by 2026.
 - Serbia proposed to change the target no.4 to: Elaborate further the overarching European energy policy goals based on the Energy 2030 goals 'a strategy for competitive, sustainable and secure energy' with special attention to the energy infrastructure priorities for 2030 and beyond and to work towards the completion of the energy internal market; the non Member States are aspiring to achieving these goals.

PA2 revision of targets - proposed new targets

After receiving feedback from the SG, CZ-HU coordination prepared a draft proposal of revised PA2 targets, which have been sent out to the SG on the 25th September:

- Proposed three new/modified targets:
 - To help to fulfil the Energy Union goals within the Danube region
 - To help to achieve the national targets based on the Europe 2030 climate and energy targets.
 - Better interconnected region by closer cooperation with relevant regional/macro-regional initiatives.
- The actions were redistributed among the targets.

