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Why (a study on) regional cooperation on renewables?

- To explore new paths to achieve or exceed the objective of “at least 27%” of RES by 2030 (Climate and energy package of the EU/Energy Union)
- To provide political options to bridge the gap between the purely national politics and the European approach to drive forward future RES deployment in the EU
- This report explores the chances and challenges ahead, based on existing structures
Existing fora

Source: Umpfenbach et. al./Ecologic Institute.
How to define regions?

- European Commission
- Region?
- Member States
- Top-down?
- Bottom-up?
How to incentivise regional cooperation?

Financial incentives

Target incentives

Mandatory implementation
Conclusions/recommendations 1/2

- Need for a „quantum leap“ in regional cooperation to effectively bridge the gap between national renewable policies and a European approach towards 2030

- A bottom-up approach is more acceptable to Member States than a top-down approach but unlikely to move things forward; need for a mix of bottom-up and top-down elements

- Multiple options could be used to enhance regional cooperation
Conclusions/recommendations 2/2

- Political planning of regional cooperation with guidance from the European Commission
- Increased use of regional projects and common support schemes
- Regional RES objectives to increase the European objective of at least 27%, with a clear definition of MS responsibilities
- Target monitoring of regional RES objectives
- Regional cooperation at sub-national level (including local initiatives, cooperatives etc.)
- Financial incentives to promote regional cooperation on (sub-) national level
Thanks!

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