PV POLICY GROUP

The project’s goal was to overcome the current political-legal barriers that are preventing investment in the majority of European PV markets namely: lack of political commitment and effective incentive schemes; insufficient and disparate monitoring systems and lack of co-operation between key actors in the definition of political action, especially on the trans-national level. Eight national energy agencies of key “solar nations” (DE, FR, NL, AT, SL, PT, EL, ES) formed the “PV Policy Core Group” to define common actions for the improvement and alignment of national support systems for PV. Italy and Sweden informally joined the Core Group later on. The Core Group published a common position paper seeking a clear commitment to national PV targets being put in place for 2010 and 2020.

Results

- A shared assessment of the current market situation was developed, looking into the position in eight countries and examining the strengths and weaknesses of national support schemes and strategic options for improvement;
- A joint action plan to improve and align the project’s core participants’ own activities for PV promotion in their home countries;
- Proposals to political decision makers on how to improve and harmonise the current framework for PV investments until 2010;
- Eight national groups developed the above results in parallel, led by the relevant energy agency and key stakeholders in their countries;
- A European Best Practice report published the results of the assessment of 12 national policy frameworks.

Lesson learned

- As barriers predominantly persist on national level future activities should strongly focus the actual implementation of favourable conditions in the Member States themselves. Through this project, PV policy networks have been newly established or strengthened. These networks will be maintained and further support the development of the PV sector.
- A very important result is the joint and shared vision on the main characteristics of good PV political practice. The project outcomes can serve all European Member States and the European Government as a guideline to implement effective PV policies. In many cases these findings helped project partners already during the project lifetime to support national PV political decision-making.
- Transfer of know-how in all PV related areas still remains a crucial issue in Europe as this is the basis for a successful implementation of photovoltaic policies. Last updated 02.06.2010
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