GP WIND – Lessons learned

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GP WIND - overview

17 partners from 8 countries:
- Belgium
- Greece
- Ireland
- Italy
- Malta
- Norway
- Spain
- UK

- Co-funded by the Intelligent Energy Europe programme
- EUR 1.8 million budget (EUR 1.4 million from IEE)
- August 2010 – October 2012
GP WIND - overview

GP WIND addressed barriers to deployment of onshore and offshore wind generation.

GP WIND brought together developers, regional and local government, environmental agencies and NGOs from differing countries to share experiences.

GP WIND secured commitment from partner countries to adopt and to deploy the GP WIND recommendations.

GP WIND developed a guide to good practice and a 'how to' toolkit, which can be used to facilitate deployment of renewable energy in support of the 2020 targets.

http://www.project-gpwind.eu
GP WIND – Achievements

- Online Good Practice Guide and Toolkit
- Outputs disseminated directly to around 1000 stakeholders across Europe
- Statements of Commitment from 30 key stakeholders across Europe
- Improved adoption of best practices and policy recommendations
Results

• EWEA is keen on taking forward work on social acceptance, building on the GP WIND Guide and Toolkit
• There is already evidence of strengthening procedures in socio-economics, specifically in Scotland and Belgium
• Adoption of early and meaningful engagement with communities is helping shape suitable developments which have a better chance of timely consent
• Reduction of uncertainty, particularly around best procedures for offshore development and permitting
Impact

• GP WIND good practice approach could help to standardise consenting processes
• Good Practice Guidance is a powerful influence on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) practices around Europe
• Clear approaches to improve community engagement, offshore consenting and socio-economic impact assessment, helping the EU to meet renewable energy targets