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For information and discussion

The current RE-DISS project (Reliable Disclosure Systems for Europe, www.reliable-disclosure.org) aims at significantly reducing the double counting of energy issued with Guarantees of Origin across Europe and at increasing the accuracy and reliability of disclosure information provided to European electricity consumers. In order to achieve this, RE-DISS undertakes:

- to support responsible bodies across Europe in exchanging experience in implementing GO and disclosure systems,
- to identify potentials for improvements in current tracking systems and demand for cooperation across borders,
- to agree on a best practice recommendation for tracking systems which can be applied across Europe,
- to support the participating countries in actual improvements of their GO and disclosure systems, and
- to promote the Reliable Disclosure approach in other European countries.

Concrete improvements of the tracking systems in different countries across Europe are expected as the major outcome of the project.

The RE-DISS project is supported by the Intelligent Energy Europe programme. The project consortium involves several AIB members (Öko-Institut, Observ'ER, Grexel Systems, E-Control, VREG) as project partners, and many other AIB members were involved in the project's workshops.

During its operation since May 2010, the project has achieved the following results:

- A Best Practice Recommendation for the implementation of Guarantees of Origin and of the tracking procedures required for electricity disclosure has been published on the project website.
- Residual Mix data, which can be used directly for the determination of disclosure information in many European countries, has been provided for the years 2009, 2010 and 2011.
- A set of profiles for many European countries outlining their implementation of Guarantees of Origin and electricity disclosure systems and giving recommendations for the improvements of these tracking systems.
- A report has been produced on the option for Member States to implement Guarantees of Origin for Heating and Cooling produced from renewable energy sources.

The current project will terminate in October 2012.

After some discussions within the project team and with selected stakeholders, the team has decided to carry on with its work. Thus, a project proposal for a "**RE-DISS II project**" has been submitted in May 2012 under the 2012 call of the Intelligent Energy Europe programme.

The objectives of RE-DISS II are:

- to further support coordination between competent bodies through maintenance of the RE-DISS "Best Practice Recommendation" and (annual) Domain Workshops,
- to continue the provision of Residual Mix data, including environmental indicators, to Competent Bodies and market actors,
- to monitor the implementation of policies related to tracking of electricity as imposed by EU Directives,

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- to develop recommendations and guidelines both to Competent Bodies and to other stakeholders helping to improve the informative value of disclosure for end consumers, and
 - to develop methods, processes and governance structures which can ensure the continuous coordination of a European Tracking System after the end of the project phase.

For the work on the environmental indicators, Ostfold Research has been taken up as a new project member. Unfortunately, VREG will not be able to continue its work as a RE-DISS team member, but it will participate as an external partner.

AIB has been invited to support the RE-DISS II project proposal with a support letter, and has done so, as did RECS International, EFET, WWF International, the Carbon Disclosure Project and competent bodies from 10 countries.

The project team will be notified of a funding decision by the Commission not before November 2012. If the new project will be funded, it could be launched in March or April 2013, right in time to produce the 2012 Residual Mix figures. The new project would run until fall 2015.

Despite of this chance for a new project, AIB should be prepared to act as appropriate in the case that the new project is not selected for funding. Since 2009, the EPED platform has been kept open as a potential structure for this purpose. EPED could take on the essential activities such as the continuation of the provision of Residual Mix data. EPED was founded by members of AIB and of RECS International and its current activities (at low level) are managed by the AIB Board.