

Established coordination structures for the preparation of the draft and final versions of the NECP, Greece



Description of the programme

- The main objective of the established governance structure in Greece was the timely preparation of the National Energy and Climate Plan in accordance with the requirements of the Regulation 2018/1999 on the Governance of the Energy Union and Climate Action.
- The governance structure will monitor the progress towards the achievement of the defined targets, initiate adjustments in the case of potential deviations and measure the delivered impacts by the implemented policy measures.
- The long-term energy planning will be conducted by the Interministerial Committee on energy and climate, which is the main pillar of the developed governance structure.
- The governance structure was responsible also for the public consultation activities.

Critical success factors

- Identification and actual involvement of all crucial stakeholders, who have the required expertise and skills.
- Well-balanced coverage of all the Energy Union's dimensions.
- Clear specification of the undertaken roles and responsibilities.

Innovation

- Ensure the timely communication and cooperation among the different actors.
- Bring together differing views of different actors within the energy planning process.
- Combine two different models to determine the cost-optimal pathway of policies within NECP.

Key achievements

- Timely submission of the draft and final NECP.
- Rational adjustment of the draft NECP having taken into account the received recommendations.
- Compliance with the technical requirements of the Regulation 2018/1999 on the Governance of the Energy Union and Climate Action.
- Adequate collection of data and information from the different involved authorities.

Changes you would make in the future

- Conduction of more specialized studies so as to explore additional technical issues.
- Utilization of specialized IT tools and databases.
- Development of specialized procedures for non accessible and non available data.
- Involvement of sufficient financial and human resources.

Lesson learned

- Ensure the mandatory participation through the official appointment of the nominated experts so as to create the required level of commitment.
- Develop officially the necessary communication channels.
- Specify clearly the roles and the responsibilities of the involved experts.

Replicating your approach

- Establishment of an official coordination body, which will undertake the administration of the developed governance structure.
- Development of a holistic monitoring mechanism consisting of various functions such as data collection, impacts' measurement and the control, reporting and evaluation of the policy measures.
- Development of official communication channels.

Final comments

- The developed governance structure in Greece facilitated the timely preparation of both the draft and final NECP and will undertake the monitoring of the implemented energy efficiency policies in relation to the established targets ensuring the linkage with the submitted NECP.
- Critical factor is considered the identification of all the crucial elements of the monitoring mechanism such as the specification and collection of the required data sources, the quantification of specific indicators, the utilization of IT systems and the engagement of sufficient financial and human resources.
- The continuous improvement of the governance structure is essential integrating both the current lessons learnt and the derived outcomes as resulted by its self-assessment.
- The governance structure will foster the vertical and horizontal coordination among the different administrative levels.

Further information

- http://www.ypeka.gr/Portals/0/Arxiki/Ethniko_Sxedio_Energeia_Klima_Nov_2019.pdf

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