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Sustainable Energy Roadmap for OCTs

The Energy Ministers, Council Members and Representatives of the Overseas Countries and Territories of the European Union,

Having met in Brussels, Belgium on the 16th & 17th of June 2015 on the occasion of the Summit of OCT Energy Ministers, in the margins of the EU Sustainable Energy Week;

Following the joint conclusion of the most recent OCT-EU Forum, held in February 2015, where the sustainable use of natural resources has been declared of critical importance to the OCTs, and Sustainable Energy and Climate Change (including disaster risk reduction) have been endorsed as focal sectors for the Thematic Programme of the 11th European Development Fund;

Unlocking OCTs' potential to serve as regional hubs and centres of excellence and reinforcing OCTs' competitive advantages emerging from their association with the EU, as well as international and regional partners;

Capitalizing on the European Commission's support to OCT policies for sustainable development;

Conscious that Overseas Countries and Territories are amongst the most vulnerable to climate change, and the consequences it has on entire ecosystems, our public infrastructures, our food security, resilience, health and welfare, and therefore on our existence;

Recognizing that climate change will amplify existing risks and create new challenges for natural and human systems, and that these risks are unevenly distributed;

Aware of the urgency to promote and facilitate renewable energy and energy efficiency to address the challenges of energy security and climate change mitigation;

Committed to show worldwide leadership towards a reliable and affordable transition of our energy systems to fossil fuel independence;

Acknowledging the opportunities that this transition offers to economic development;

Recognising the key role that isolated energy systems can play in the development of smart grid technologies and innovations to overcome the challenges due to intermittent supply;

Highlighting the added value of cooperating closely with applied research institutions from EU Member States, and other countries, particularly those that have links with OCTs;

Highlighting the need to increase the capacity of governmental and non-governmental institutions and the private sector to plan, develop and manage sustainable energy projects by



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commissioning specific studies on sustainable energy technologies in island settings;

Concentrating their efforts on indicating OCT wide priorities for the programming process of the Thematic Programme of the 11th European Development Fund;

Aware that OCTs are located in areas where there is an abundance of natural energy sources such as wind, solar, thermal, hydro and marine; and that OCTs can take advantage of this position by promoting themselves as centres of excellence in the field of sustainable energy;

Conscious that smart, innovative energy solutions can be tested and applied in a confined setting, and that this enabling policy environment will be beneficial to both OCTs and providers of sustainable energy solutions;

Encouraged by the fact that OCTs can utilize their assets by enabling quick and valuable insights to assist with sustainable energy transitions in other remote areas and larger energy systems worldwide.

Have decided to,

Engage in a common sustainable energy strategy to significantly increase the penetration of reliable and affordable renewable energy and greatly increased energy efficiency. Actively use the OCT energy network to take advantage of a wealth of experiences and technology know-how from individual OCTs;

Strengthen local capacity through the development of technical partnerships and other means, to collaborate with other EU, OR, ACP and OCT bodies in the area of research projects and applications, including for innovative sustainable energy technologies;

Facilitate and partner in developing innovative sustainable energy solutions adapted to local conditions, particularly with applied research institutions from EU Member States that have links with OCTs;

Raise awareness to reduce energy consumption by promoting energy efficiency in supply and demand;

Set the following OCT Sustainable Energy Priorities as OCT wide objectives, where applicable:

Technical:

- Increase the deployment of Sustainable Energy projects and programmes



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- Reduce energy use & dependency on fossil fuels by improving energy efficiency
- Develop reliable and affordable energy storage using environmentally friendly, mature and new technologies;
- Promote the adoption of technologies to continuously improve grid control and management
- Promote the renovation and adaptation of building stock by retrofitting with renewable energy and energy efficiency applications;
- Create real life testing and demonstration environments for sustainable energy solutions;
- Explore opportunities to develop responsible disposal of sustainable energy equipment

Economic:

- Switching transportation fuel consumption from hydrocarbons to renewable electrical energy
- Promote eco-mobility
- Carry out an analysis of the technical and financial impacts of increased intermittent renewable energy resources on grid stability, where required;
- Assess and develop a suitable business model for electric utilities integrating renewable technologies into the generation mix;
- Promote OCT policy frameworks for investments (OCT-PFI) to improve investment conditions and increase bankable project proposals;
- Engage with the European Union to establish an OCT/EU Energy Declaration

Legal:

- Promote renewable energy and energy efficiency applications for new buildings in the building code;
- Facilitate the development of enabling regulatory frameworks for rapid deployment of sustainable energy projects;

In order to allow the testing of promising and innovative ideas, modalities of organisation /implementation, research or technologies, the identified priorities need to be transformed into concrete plans, where possible in accordance with financing from the 11th European



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Development Fund, which include funding for knowledge build up and pilot projects within the OCTs. These pilot projects can be implemented through grant contracts.

- The following timeline is indicative to achieve and evaluate the commonly defined objectives, in accordance with the relevant timelines established in the 11th EDF programming instruction for OCTs.

2016: Sign the programming documentation and Finance Agreement for the Thematic Programme of the 11th European Development Fund

2017: Start implementation, setup institutional framework and knowledge base

2018: Initiation of sustainable energy pilots in the OCTs

2020: Evaluation of transition progress

This Roadmap does not, nor is it intended to, create any binding, legal or financial obligations under domestic or international law, and is subject where applicable to endorsement by individual OCT governments.

REFERENCE

This Roadmap which OCT Representatives listed below approve, shall be referred to as the "Sustainable Energy Roadmap for OCTs".

Signed in Brussels on June 17th 2015

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