

# POLICY GUIDELINES PLANNING AND PERMIT-GRANTING PROCEDURES FOR ENERGY PROJECTS

TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
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# THE ENERGY COMMUNITY AT A GLANCE

- International organization established in 2005 by the Treaty establishing the Energy Community;
- Extends the EU internal energy market to South East Europe and beyond to create a sustainable pan-European Energy Market;
- Instrument to assist countries in the EU's neighbourhood to reform their energy markets in line with EU law and principles;
- Treaty obligations are binding and backed up by a strong institutional setting and dispute settlement mechanism;
- Annual budget of 4.8 million in 2020 (plus additional funding for initiatives/regional projects).



## OUR MEMBERS

- Contracting Parties
- European Union
- Observers





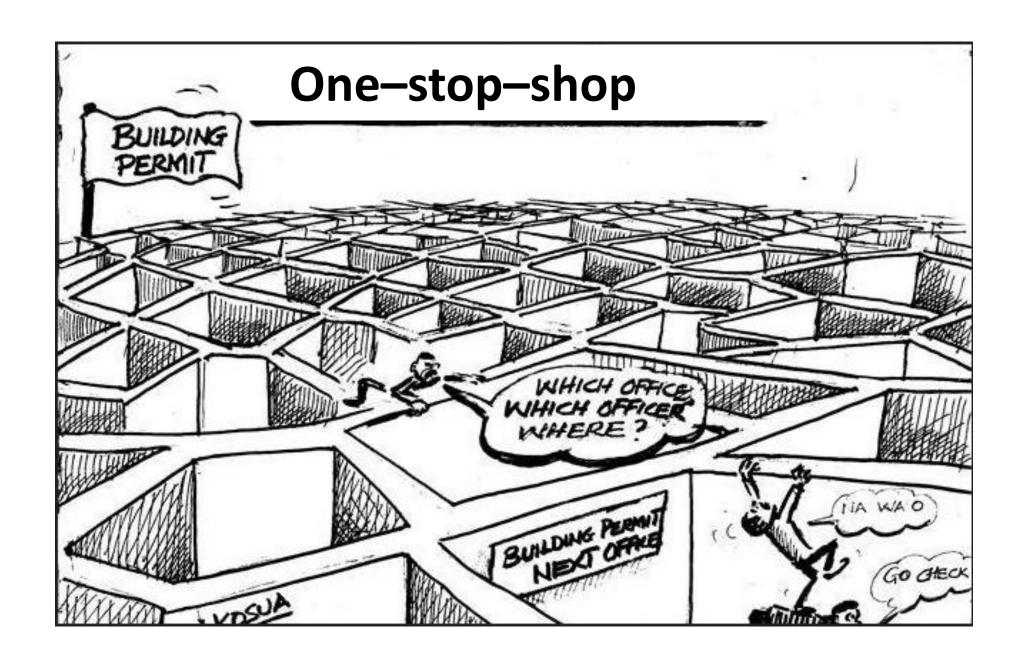
















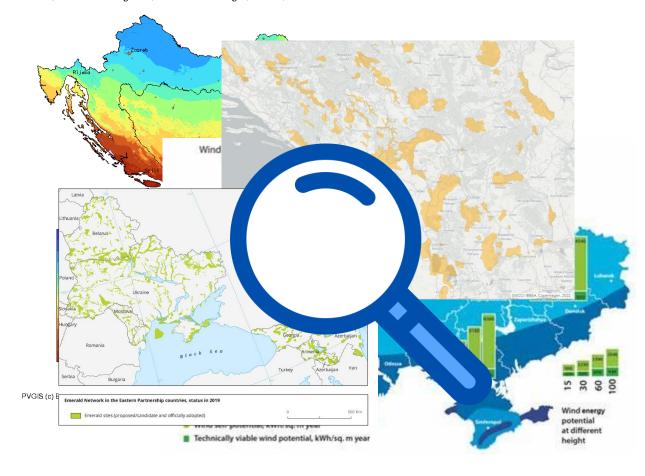
Renewable energy potential - Solar







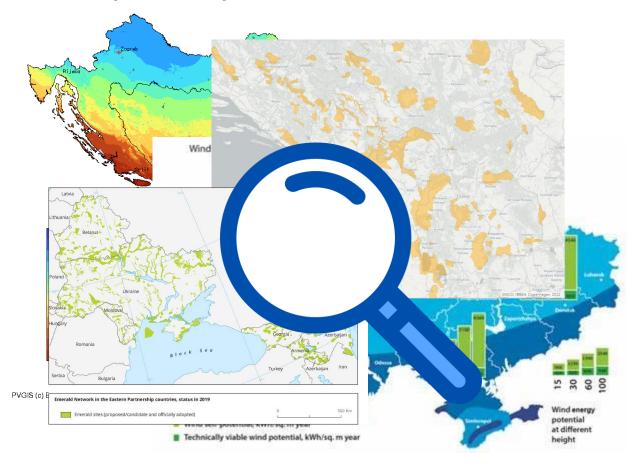




#### RENEWABLE ACCELERATION AREAS

- priority to artificial and built surfaces, waste sites, industrial sites, mines, artificial inland water bodies, urban waste water treatment, degraded land not usable for agriculture;
- exclude Natura 2000 sites and nature parks and reserves, identified bird migratory routes as well as other areas identified based on sensitivity maps;
- use all appropriate tools and datasets to identify the areas where the renewable energy plants would not have a significant environmental impact, including wildlife sensitivity mapping.

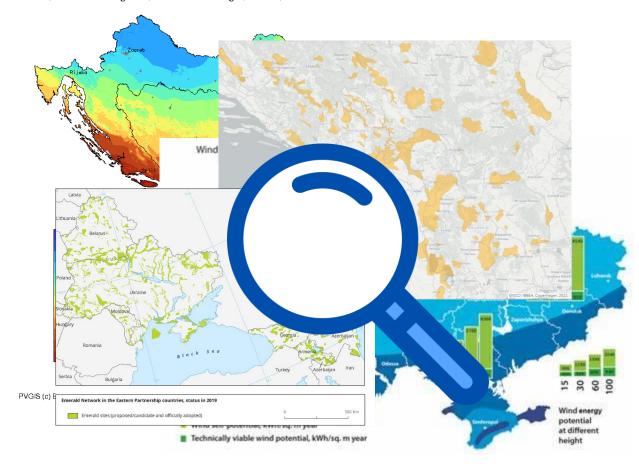




Carry out a coordinated mapping to identify the domestic potential and the available land surface, subsurface, sea or inland water areas that are necessary for the installation of renewable energy plants and their related infrastructure, such as grid and **storage facilities...** 

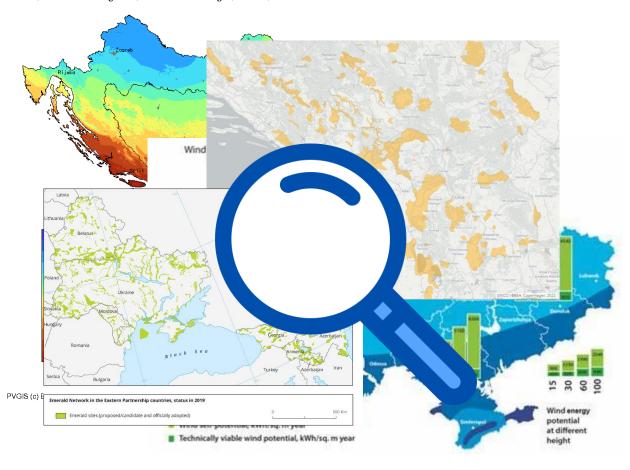
Establish appropriate rules for the renewables acceleration areas on effective mitigation measures to be adopted for the installation of renewable energy plants and colocated energy storage...





The permit-granting procedure shall cover ALL relevant administrative permits to build, repower and operate renewable energy plants, including those combining different renewable energy sources, heat pumps, and co-located energy storage, including power and thermal facilities, as well as assets necessary for the connection of such plants





"co-located energy storage" means an energy storage facility combined with a facility producing renewable energy and connected to the same grid access point;



## **ENERGY STORAGE**

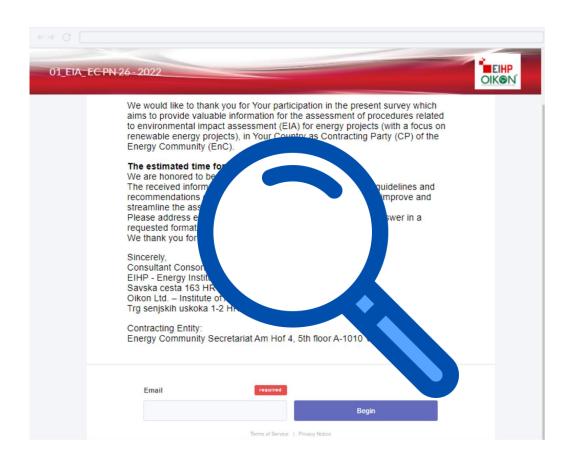








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- Online questionaries
- Desk top analysis
- Meeting with CSOs
- CP assessments
- Overview



#### **POLICY GUIDELINES**







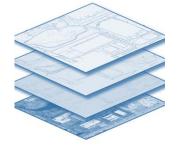
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Streamline procedures

One stop-shop set up



**Acceleration** areas



#### **Energy Community POLICY GUIDELINES**

Environmental Impact Assessment

Permit - granting processes for renewable energy projects

Spatial planning and Strategic Environmental Assessment - focus on renewable energy projects



Robust criteria for defining projects (including repowering)



Use of baseline environmental data



Quality of EIA reports and certification of experts



Electronic communication



Streamline assessments and permits



Timelines



Effective and efficient consultations



Institutional capacity



Spatial planning and integration of renewable energy



Dispute settlement



#### **PERMIT-GRANTING**

# **DEVELOPMENT CONSENT**

**Streamlining Permit Procedures for RES Projects** 

**Application of "Administrative** (positive) Silence" Principle

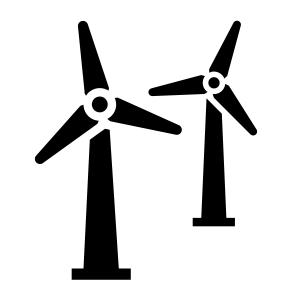
**Guidelines for "Overriding Public Interest" Principle** 

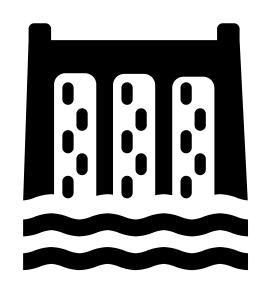




#### **PERMIT-GRANTING**

## One-stop-shop







Autonomously grants permissions



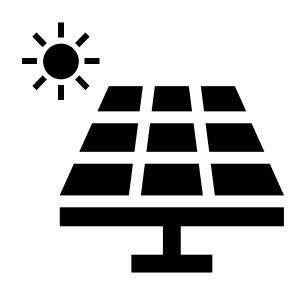
Coordinating permissions



Scale—local, regional, and national



Digitalisation





## OPERATIONAL BLUEPRINT

Models for the development of the Renewables Acceleration Areas for PV and wind

Memoranda of Understanding, Draft Programmes and Working Groups

# CONCEPT NOTES

Component



#### **SUPPORT**

Matching RE
Acceleration Areas
with financial
support

**Capacity Building** 

Protocol on digitalization and simplified notification

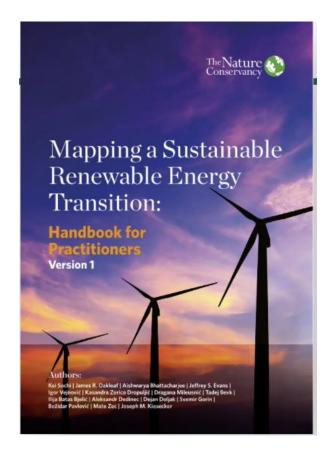
STREAMLINE RE PROJECT PERMITTING

Component





# OPERATIONAL BLUEPRINT









#### 1. Identifying Lands Suitable for Solar and Wind

Producing a suitability map for solar or wind development through data selection, processing, analysis and model integration. Then combining the criteria that influence development and ranking the potential of suitable lands.



#### 2. Mapping Environmental or Biological Conservation Value in the Region

Using a combination of coarse-filter and fine-filter approaches to identify environmental and biodiversity targets and mapping potential conflicts with renewable energy development.



### 3. Identifying and Mapping Cultural and Social Values in the Region.

Using economic, demographic, and ecosystem service data, as well as cultural information to identify connections to and demand of land. Supporting guidelines and steps that ensure community consultation, consent, and minimisation of social impact.



#### 4. Bringing All the Information Together

Mapping these scenarios together and examining the development of wind and solar through scenarios that look at consequences of both unplanned developments, as well as those that assess if renewable energy targets can be met on low-conflicts areas.

