

THE TRANSITION TO A LOW-CARBON ECONOMY: SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS

DRAFT AGENDA

24 May

Haus der Kunst, Kaiser Franz Ring 7
Baden, Austria

Welcome: Mayor, City of Baden

9:30	Opening Remarks from the EGRD Chair	Rob Kool, Director, International Sustainable Development, NL Agency, Netherlands
1	TECHNOLOGIES	
	<i>Moderator: Sea Rotmann, National Energy Research Institute, New Zealand</i>	
10:00	Evaluation of European Energy Behavioural Change Programmes	Antoinet Smits, NL Agency, Netherlands
10:30	Break	
10:45	Socio-Economic Drivers in Implementing Bioenergy Projects	Sebastian Elbe, National Task Leader, Bioenergy Implementing Agreement
11:15	Social Acceptance of Wind	Stefanie Huber, Project Manager, ENCO Energy, Switzerland
12:15	Key Findings	Moderator
12:45	Lunch	
2	POLICIES AND MEASURES	
	<i>Moderator: Herbert Greisberger, Austrian Society for Environment and Technology</i>	
14:00	ProjectZero: Lessons Learned in Overcoming Barriers	Christian Eriksen, Project Manager, ProjectZero
14:30	Policies and Measures for Organisational Change and Behaviour	Rob Kool, NL Agency
15:00	Public Perceptions of Low-Carbon Energy Policy and Technology: Recommendations for Policy Makers and R&D Planners	Paul Upham, Finnish Environment Institute and Centre for Integrated Energy Research, University of Leeds
15:30	Break	
15:45	Discussion and key findings	Moderator
17:00	Close Day 1	

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3	INTEGRATED APPROACHES	
	<i>Moderator: Rob Kool, NL Agency, Netherlands</i>	
9:00	Low-Carbon Society Research in the Asia-Pacific Region	Kyoko Miwa, Institute for Global Environment Strategies, Japan
9:30	Energy Efficient Communities: Case Studies and Strategic Guidance for Urban Decision Makers	Olivier Pol, Energy Department, Austrian Institute of Technology
10:00	Holistic Optimisation Leading to Integration of Sustainable Technologies in Communities	Aideen O'Hora, Project Manager, Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland
10:30	Break	
10:45	Discussion and key findings	Moderator
12:00	Lunch	
4	THE ROLE OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC RESEARCH for R&D PRIORITY-SETTING	
	<i>Moderator: Robert Marlay, U.S. Department of Energy</i>	
14:00	Open Discussion	
	Key questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What is the <u>role of social science</u> and how best can it feed into technology R&D programmes and policies? What is the realistic timeframe that would enable R&D programmes to synchronise with energy markets?</i> • <i>Which <u>social considerations</u> (e.g. health, environmental, lifestyles) can be adequately addressed? Which methods (e.g. impact assessments, stakeholder consultations, and target groups) are found to be the most effective in addressing them? At what point in the R&D planning process should they begin?</i> • <i>Which <u>legal and regulatory frameworks</u> are the most conducive to the transition process? What is a manageable scope for these policy frameworks – local, regional or national – and what is the relationship between them?</i> • <i>Which <u>economic considerations</u> (e.g. sectoral shifts, employment, energy markets, infrastructure, or trade) are manageable and which <u>financial instruments</u> (e.g. taxes, subsidies, and investment credits) are found to be the most effective?</i> • <i>Which <u>methodologies and tools</u> provide the greatest insights for planners? Which data sets (quantitative or qualitative) or indicators are the most effective for socio-economic impact assessments?</i> • <i>Which <u>strategies integrate energy, economic, social and environmental issues</u>? Which strategies integrate socio-economic impact assessments into energy plans?</i> 	
16:00	Final Remarks	Rob Kool, Chair, EGRD
16:30	Meeting close	