

IEA R&D Wind Task 28 Social Acceptance of Wind Energy Projects



Side event at EWEK 2010

Warsaw, April 21th, 9 am to 12 am
Hall 4, Room D

9.00 Opening and Introduction

- Robert Horbaty, Operating Agent of IEA Wind Task 28

9.15 Part I: Aspects of Social Acceptance

9.20 Socio-political acceptance

- o Danish Wind Turbine Secretariat - an Important Initiative to Assist Municipalities
 - **Joachim Holten Palvig** (DK), Wind Turbine Secretariat
- o On the Interactions between Developers, Local Authorities and Local Citizens
 - **Brid Walsh** (IE), researcher at the National University of Ireland, Department of Geography

9.45 Community acceptance

- o Preferences for Reducing Visual Disamenities from Offshore Wind Farms and Wind Farm Experience - What can We Learn?
 - **Jacob Ladenburg** (DK), Senior Research Fellow at the Danish Institute of Governmental Research
- o How to Resolve Environmental Disputes over Wind Farm Siting; Implications from Experiences in Japan
 - **Kenshi Baba** (JP), research scientist at the Central Research Institute of Electric Power Industry, Socio-Economic Research Center

10.10 Market acceptance

- o German Experience with Acceptance of Wind Energy in the View of the Wind Industry
 - **Claudia Grotz** (DE), German Wind Industry Association (BWE), director of the policy and public relations department

10.25 Closing of Part I

10.30 Break

11.00 Part II: Panel discussion

- Moderator: Robert Horbaty
- Participants:
 - o Joachim Holten Palvig
 - o Brid Walsh
 - o Jacob Ladenburg
 - o Kenshi Baba
 - o Claudia Grotz
 - o Available for questions: Working group members of IEA Task 28

12.00 Reception

Introduction to Social Acceptance of Wind Energy

Ambitious energy policy targets necessitate a **fast extension of renewable energies**. Public opinion is usually highly in favour of - amongst others - wind energy. On the other hand, in many countries concrete wind energy projects increasingly meet with resistance from local population or opposition from NGOs.

IEA Wind Task 28 on Social Acceptance of Wind Energy Projects engages in collecting and disseminating the current knowledge on **how increase acceptance of wind energy projects** with the aim of facilitating implementation of wind energy and climate targets.

About the side event

IEA Wind Task 28 aims at assisting countries to reach their ambitious renewable energy goals and the industry to get their wind parks built. To deliver ideal results, we need your input: IEA Wind Task 28 therefore invites **the wind industry, public administration, NGO's and the interested public** to this side event.

A presentation of relevant aspects of social acceptance of wind energy by speakers from various countries will be followed by a **discussion of strategies**. The participants of the side event will have the opportunity to speak their opinion on the strategies proposed and on what results from our Task could support the realisation of wind energy potentials. Your input will be integrated in the next steps in the work of IEA Wind Task 28 when it comes to developing Best Practice and to work out recommendations.

There is **no registration necessary, all exhibition visitors are welcome**. After the side event, there will be an opportunity for further discussion with the members of the IEA Wind Task 28 working group.

For questions, please contact the operating agent of IEA Wind Task 28, [stefanie.huber\(at\)enco-ag.ch](mailto:stefanie.huber@enco-ag.ch).

About IEA Task Wind 28

The International Energy Agency Implementing Agreement for Co-operation in the Research, Development, Deployment of Wind Energy Systems has set up a regular exchange on the topic of Social Acceptance of Wind Energy Projects with its Task 28. The ten participating countries engage in discussion of ongoing projects, research outcomes and upcoming issues as well as reciprocal learning. They bring in their different backgrounds and stakeholder views to get a thorough understanding of the issue to bring forward the expansion of wind energy.

Specific or partial objectives of this new task are:

- Establishment of an international forum for exchange of knowledge and experiences related to Social Acceptance and other societal issues
- Produce a state-of-the-art report on the knowledge and results so far on Social Acceptance of wind power installations, including a list of studies and online library of reports/articles
- Establish "Best Practices" and tools for policy makers and planners to reduce project risks and accelerate the realisation of the full potential of wind energy in the concerned countries
- Establish strategies and communication activities to improve or to maintain the image of wind power.

IEA Wind Task 28 has started its work in 2008 and will continue until 2011/2012. Participating countries include Canada and US from North America, Japan from Asia, Denmark, Finland Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway and Switzerland from Europe.