

Brussels, 8 July 2014

To: Commissioner Hedegaard
Commissioner Oettinger
Commissioner Geoghegan-Quinn
Commissioner Damanaki

Topic: Renewal of NER300 or creation of a new NER300-like instrument

Dear Commissioners,

Given its demonstrated success, we are writing to call for the renewal, before 2020, of NER300 or a similar financing instrument for the demonstration of innovative renewables. Many renewable technologies bear significant industrial promises, but lack the kick-starting support to achieve their potential.

NER300 is providing a much needed boost to the demonstration of innovative renewable energy technologies in Europe, helping them progress towards commercialisation. Deployed Round One projects would not have been viable without the NER300. Round Two projects will, equally, rely on their NER300 award to achieve financial close.

NER300 is unique as it addresses the “Valley of Death” of financing; It plugs the gap between Horizon 2020, which lacks the scale needed for energy demonstration/pilot projects, and revenue support instruments such as Member States’ renewable energy support schemes, which do not address the risks of early-stage technologies.

Experience from the current NER300 has shown that some important adjustments to the scheme should be envisaged. But the need and appetite for an EU-level instrument large enough to push innovative renewable energy and grid-integrating technologies to commercial viability is beyond doubt.

Therefore, we call on the Commission to take the necessary steps for the renewal, before 2020, of NER300 or a similar instrument that has the same focus and encompasses renewable energies.

Sincerely yours,
(signatories on the next page)

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