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Renewable energy acceleration zones
Procedures and tools

Presentation to local authorities Sept-Oct 2023

Context

- introduction of acceleration zones

Law of 10 March 2023 to accelerate the production of renewable energies, known as the "APER" law (article 15 codified in article L. 141-5-3 of the Energy Code)

- issues:

- decarbonising energy production
- energy independence

- some examples of measures in the APER law

- stricter regulatory requirements: photovoltaic systems on car parks >1,500 m² and buildings >500 m² (1,000 m² for offices)

- Mobilisation of public land to install renewable energy (abandoned roads, railways and waterways)

- Creation of a fund financed by renewable energy project developers to fund local ecological and energy transition projects.

- creating Renewable Energy Acceleration Zones (ZA EnR)

Objectives

- what is an RE acceleration zone?

Sectors demonstrating a political will on the part of local authorities to host renewable energies.

- Who can define it?

Responsibility: local authorities by decision of the municipal council after local consultation, with a debate within the decision-making body of the EPCI.

In acceleration zones:

- reduced processing times (- 1 month for the examination phase in the case of environmental authorisation and - 15 days for the investigating commissioner's report)

- financial advantages (bonuses for calls for tender, price adjustments, etc.)

Outside acceleration zones :

- shorter review times (1 month for the examination phase in the case of environmental authorisation and - 15 days for the investigating commissioner's report)

- financial advantages (bonuses for calls for tender, tariff adjustments, etc.)

- renewable energy projects may require the creation of a project committee at the expense of the petitioner (depending on the type and capacity of the installation)

Acceleration zones are not exclusive

- Acceleration zones make it possible to attract renewable energy projects to locations that local authorities deem appropriate in their development plans.
- These are intentional zones, where projects will be subject to the same regulatory procedures (avoid/reduce/compensate sequence).
- Acceleration zone; mandatory EnR installation

Proposed timetable

November 2023 Council reflection

Jan 4 to 19 2024 public consultation

1st quarter Consultation at department level

2024/2025

Ministers: debate and decision

Region: accounting

Communes: revision of acceleration zones with the new energy policy management tools