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1 PURPOSE

PROTECMA developed a strategy tool based on results of previous workpackages and in close cooperation with all project partners. The decision tree and the technical support for the result section were performed with the collaboration of OFI.

The software tool is programmed on 5 languages (English, Spanish, Portuguese, Bulgarian and German). The software tool was distributed to the partners for testing and for dissemination activities.

Software is on the website available for downloading.

Several CD copies were distributed to partners and they done copies for distribution. This software tool could assist politicians, citizens and other organizations when taking decisions for substitution of conventional fuel systems by new modern ones which use alternative fuels based on RES.

PROTECMA has distributed more than 100 copies of the CD with the software tool. Letters to contacts, and partners working with renewable energy have been sent. PROTECMA belongs to several associations in Spain. MANUFACTURIAS is a regional association for manufacturing companies. The most important companies are represented. PROTECMA distributed a CD copy to the members and a short presentation of the software was done.

During the last European Week of Regions and Cities, there was an OPEN DAY organized in Gijón (Asturias) by the Manufature JTI, and the CD copies were distributed. Biomasa Peninsular (BPE) has sent by mail to 84 partner contacts related to the biomass, the info about the project results, a copy of the tool and an invitation for visiting the webpage. More than 30 expressed the interest on project results, and the validation of the tool.

Concerning the dissemination of these results, REAP has performed the following activities so far: the installation pack has been copied in CDs and presented to the following local municipalities from Pazardjik District: Rakitovo, Lisichovo, Belovo, Velingrad, Panagyurishte and Septemvri. Instructions for the use of this software and assistance for the end-users have been performed by REAP specialists.

The overall evaluation of the tool was quite positive. After tool's demonstration, the municipal administration have signed letters of commitment which include not only software

dissemination activities but also activities to popularize project results and intention to work in collaboration.

AMCB in Portugal sent a copy of the software tool to their municipalities and they supported them with technical assistance for the validation of the tool. More than 50 copies were distributed in the last Final workshop where stakeholders and decision makers participated.



Fig. 1 Layout CD distributed by AMCB

MMSG in Spain, distributed a CD copy to the participants of Final Workshop in Sierra de Gata. Stakeholders, politicians and decision makers received the software tool and were invited to visit the website. Project results were presented in this last workshop and a software validation “in situ” was performed. Attendance tested the tool and the MMSG supported the validation process.

2 EVALUATION

Several programming mistakes were redefined, and the global evaluation of the tool was positive. Some grammatical mistakes due to translation had to be corrected.

In general, users consider the tool easy to use. It is worthy for non-technological experts on biomass technologies.

The participants of workshops that tested the tool consider it very interesting and useful for implementation on its companies or administrations.

The promotion of the biomass use was performed and the Biomass Decision Software was proved as reference for supporting decision makers.

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