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Summary and Recommendations

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Experiences with policy frameworks for the promotion of RES and EE

- ✓ Prepared documents > Strategy for RES development and EE
Strategy are prerequisite to start actions which can be
measured and evaluated
- ✓ Without secondary legislation can't expect realization of
envisaged actions
- ✓ Subsidies are great impetus to the faster implementation of
RES
- ✓ The Central Government can/has to manage energy policy
using financial/fiscal incentives (EE/RES Fund and similar)
- ✓ Energy Regulatory Commission has a significant role –
especially determining feeding tariffs level

Results in terms of implementation of new projects after the improvement of policy frameworks

- ✓ Municipalities have obligation to implement energy policy (by the power of Energy Law)

- ✓ Energy audit of processes aware managers for wider application of RES and EE

- ✓ Market conditions (permanent increasing of energy prices, opening of energy market) motivate private users for faster implementation of EE and RES

Possibilities for harmonisation with EU legislation

- Preparation of unified templates led toward harmonization of national with EU legislation

- Training of experts to implement Directives to introduce them in the life, is quite necessary

- Financial support for secondary legislation preparation is absolutely necessary.

Challenges and opportunities brought by the implementation of EU directives and multilateral agreements in the RES and EE fields

- ❖ Regional collaboration (bilateral, multilateral, Energy Community Task Force)
- ❖ To pay special attention to the EE as measure to cope with energy poverty
- ❖ It is not realistic to expect that countries can reach EU strategical target of 20% reduction of energy consumption till 2020
- ❖ High starting investment is necessary
- ❖ 1 EURO invested in EE measures ensure 2 EURO financial benefit