

***„Driving regional cooperation forward in the 2030  
renewable energy framework“***

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## Why (a study on) regional cooperation on renewables?



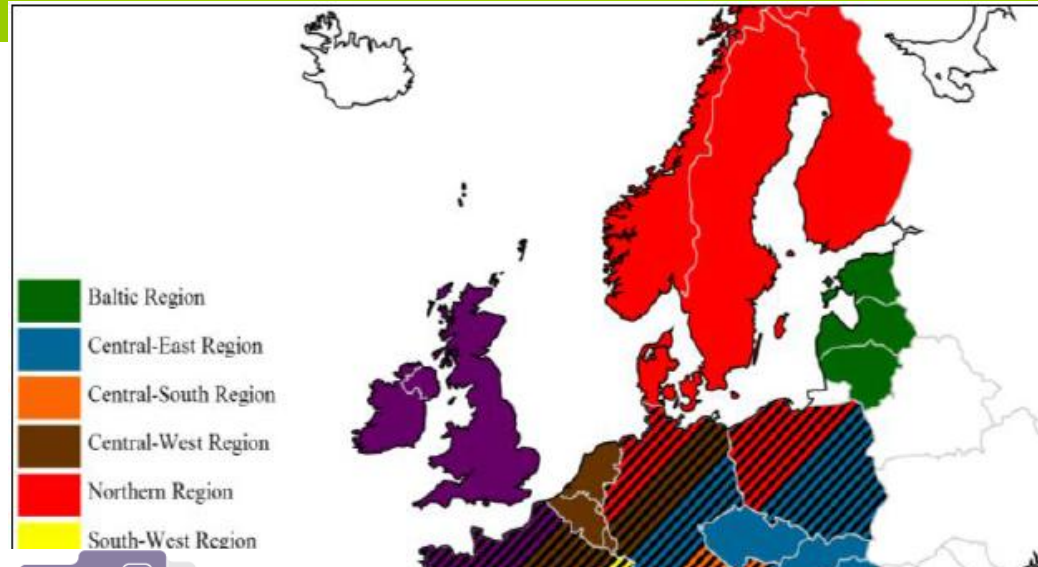
- To explore new paths to achieve or exceed the objective of “at least 27%” of RES by 2030 (Climate and energy package of the EU/Energy Union)
- To provide political options to bridge the gap between the purely national politics and the European approach to drive forward future RES deployment in the EU
- This report explores the chances and challenges ahead, based on existing structures



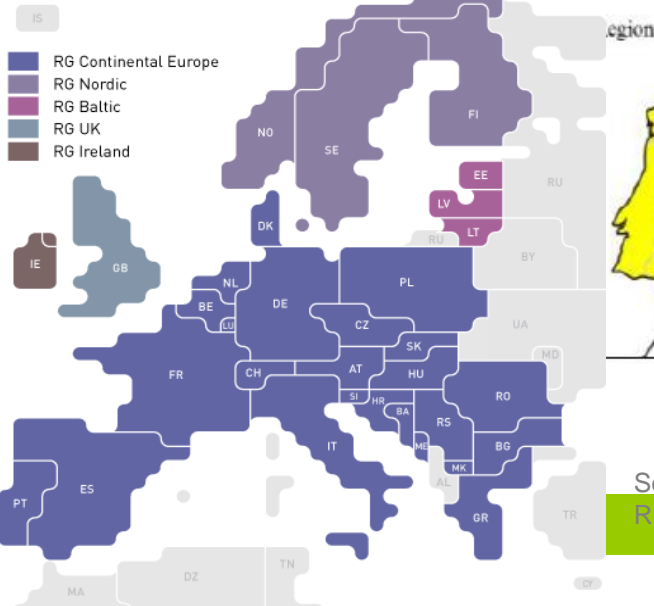
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# Existing fora

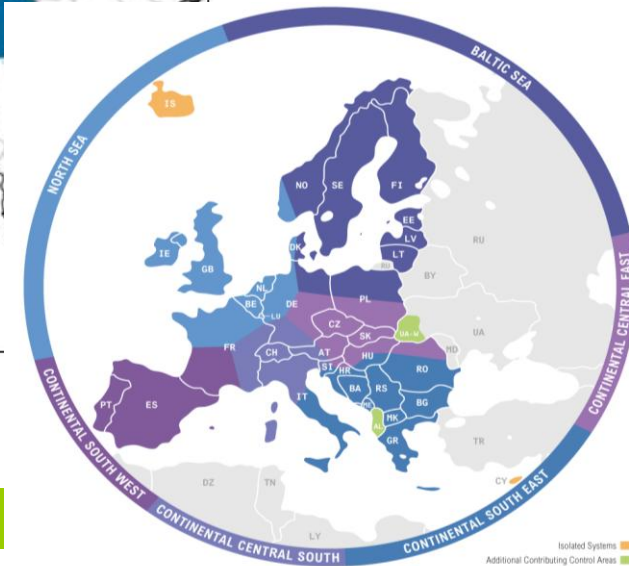


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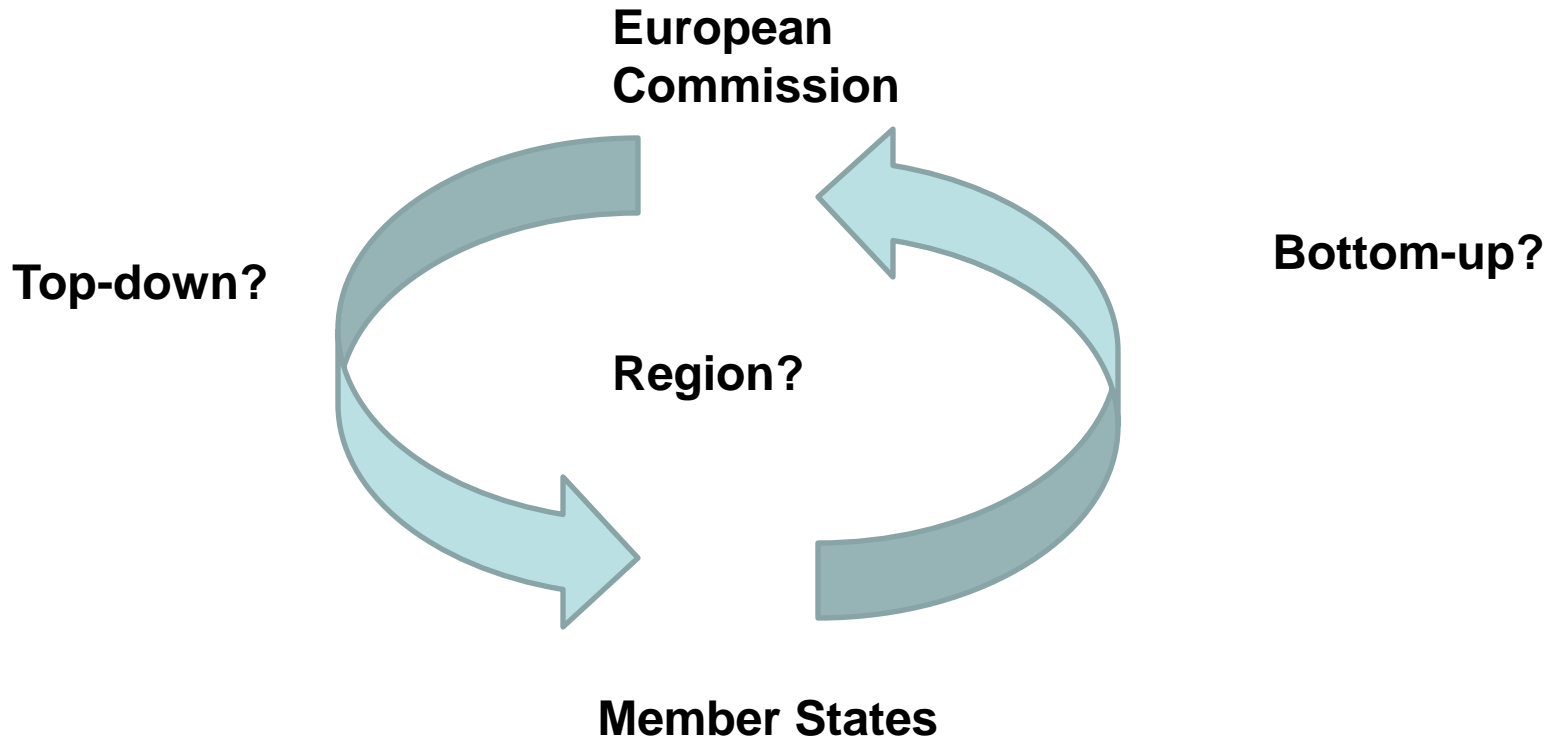


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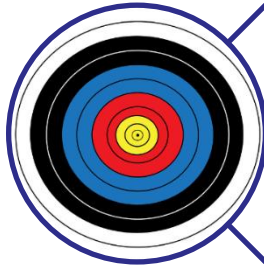
## How to define regions?



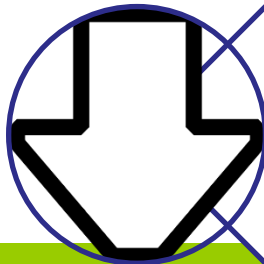
## How to incentivise regional cooperation?



Financial incentives



Target incentives



Mandatory  
implementation

## Conclusions/recommendations 1/2

- Need for a „quantum leap“ in regional cooperation to effectively bridge the gap between national renewable policies and a European approach towards 2030
- A bottom-up approach is more acceptable to Member States than a top down approach but unlikely to move things forward; need for a mix of bottom-up and top-down elements
- Multiple options could be used to enhance regional cooperation

## Conclusions/recommendations 2/2

- Political planning of regional cooperation with **guidance from the European Commission**
- Increased use of regional projects and **common support schemes**
- **Regional RES objectives** to increase the European objective of at least 27%, with a clear definition of MS responsibilities
- **Target monitoring** of regional RES objectives
- Regional cooperation at sub-national level (including local initiatives, cooperatives etc.)
- **Financial incentives** to promote regional cooperation on (sub-) national level



# Thanks!

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