

Preparation of a new Renewable Energy Directive for the period after 2020

4. What should be the geographical scope of support schemes, if and when needed, in order to drive the achievement of the 2030 target in a cost-effective way?

It is clear that the Member States face very different conditions. Therefore the Swedish Union of Tenants believes that any changing EU directives should contain significant opportunities for national adaptation. This, we believe, is crucial in order to achieve a sustainable development of Europe's energy and climate performance, and to deliver affordable energy to consumers and minimize the risk of energy poverty.

12. In general, do you think that renewable energy potential at local level is:

Highly under-exploited

Under-exploited

Efficiently / fully exploited

Over-exploited (i.e. beyond cost-effectiveness)

No opinion

Other? Please explain. Has the RED been effective and efficient in helping exploiting the renewable energy potential at local level?

Public funding could be crucial if we want to fully exploit the renewable energy potential. Many investments are not cost-effective strictly seen from an enterprise perspective, from a broader sustainability perspective, they should be implemented. It is essential that these actions can be done in a socially sustainable manner. The Swedish Union of Tenants therefore believes that financial instruments and different support schemes are important to reach the full potential in renewable energy. In designing these tools it is important to take into account each country's special features to make them as effective as possible.