The RECS Market meeting is unique because:

1. The demand for renewable electricity is growing and this meeting is the only event that can provide you with an explanation of how and why this is happening.
2. The voluntary market for renewable electricity is based on the Guarantee of Origin (GO) and this is the only conference dealing with developments related to the GO.
3. You will hear how to use the GO for carbon accounting and how to reduce your carbon footprint in the most effective and cheapest way.
4. The use of the GO to convey information on the sustainability of energy sources will be explained and further explored.
5. The target compliance market, which represents the future of renewable energy, will be discussed with the key policy makers in Europe.

What’s in it for you?

• You will gain valuable insights into the market for renewable electricity in Europe as well as in the USA. How does it work, who produces renewable electricity, who offers products?
• You will also get clear insights into the demand side: who is purchasing renewable electricity, how and why?
• You can take part in discussions about the regulatory, political and economic challenges: how can we transform the current national support systems into a single, pan-European, market-based system.
• You will receive first-hand information about recent developments in the market for renewable electricity and be able to exchange views with key players in the business, political and scientific community.

Who will be there?

• The major market players in the energy chain from producers to wholesalers, suppliers and consumers, all of whom use the GO.
• International experts: researchers, academics and consultants who calculate carbon footprints and advise on sustainability and additionality.
• The policy makers, legislators and politicians who are responsible for implementing the RES Directive and drawing up national regulations on the use of the GO.
Dear colleagues and energy experts,

It’s a great pleasure to invite you to the RECS Market Meeting 2011.

RECS International was established in 2003 and, over the past seven years, we’ve been working hard to establish a pan-European market for renewable electricity. As a result, the Guarantee of Origin (GO), which is intended for the voluntary market only, is now widely used and well regulated by the RES Directive. At the same time governments are being encouraged to cooperate by streamlining their national support systems.

The voluntary market is now mature, with a total volume of 238 TWh cancelled in 2010. There are interesting developments, especially on the demand side. More and more large energy consumers have discovered the value of renewable electricity. Carbon accounting has, in fact, become one of the main reasons for consumers to purchase renewable electricity.

Even though the GO is widely used within the voluntary market, cross-border trade does not count towards national targets. This is why cooperation mechanisms have been introduced. RECS International supports the idea of cooperation, but we would like to see the current instruments strengthened and used more systematically by Member States.

We believe that the RECS Market Meeting is a unique occasion. The Market Meeting is the only conference capable of giving you a full picture of the existing market for renewable electricity in Europe. An integral part of the RECS Market Meeting is the RECS Policy Forum in the afternoon of 31 March. This forum aims at setting up a dialogue with governments about the long term future of the renewable electricity market. RECS Market Meeting participants can attend the RECS Policy Forum free of charge.

We look forward to seeing you in Brussels.

Best regards,

Claes Hedenström
President of RECS International

RECS International promotes a renewable electricity market backed up by a widely accepted, harmonised European information system. The voluntary market for renewable electricity is now strong, mature and pan-European. Financial support for renewable energy, however, is still nationally based and Member States have only recently started cooperating, taking the first steps towards a truly European approach to stimulating renewable energy. The RECS Market Meeting, with the RECS Policy Forum in the afternoon of the second day, will keep you up to speed on all the intricacies of the current situation and there will be ample opportunity to discuss new developments.
09.30-09.40 Welcome
Marly Theunisse – Project Manager, RECS International, the Netherlands

09.40-11.00 Session 1
RECS Market Meeting: setting the scene
We present a full overview of the renewable energy market – and in particular the market for the Guarantee of Origin (GO).
We distinguish three main areas of interest:
1) Consumer commitment and possible claims
2) The use of the GO
3) The GO system

The focus of the opening session and of the conference will be on the demand side. What information should a consumer receive from a supplier about the origin of electricity? Ultimately, a mature renewable electricity market can only be built on the power of transparency.

Moderator: Peter Niermeijer, Secretary General, RECS International, The Netherlands

From GO to consumer commitment
• The GO as the basis of a pan-European market for renewable energy
• The GO as a tool for disclosure about renewable electricity products
• Valid consumer claims after cancelling GOs
Claes Hedenström, President RECS International and Senior Advisor Vattenfall, Sweden

Consumer rights
• The legal requirements for suppliers to inform consumers
• The role of the GO in tracking electricity
• Possible improvements to legislation
Kyriako Gialoglou, Policy Officer, DG Sanco, Belgium

Consumption of renewable electricity reduces carbon footprint
• Climate change is a key aspect of corporate social responsibility
• Large (corporate) energy consumers are taking the lead
• The GO is the perfect instrument for tracking electricity
Speaker to be announced

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-13.00 Session 2
Corporate Social Responsibility – Carbon accounting
Renewable electricity procurement and claimed benefits
Renewable energy is undoubtedly closely connected to climate change and carbon emissions. What carbon claims can a consumer make after consuming renewable electricity, and how does this work in practice? The GO is the perfect tool for tracking electricity back to its source and in this session you will get insight into how such tracking enables you to make valid carbon claims.

Moderator: Niels van der Linden, Senior Originator, Statkraft and Vice President of RECS International, the Netherlands

Purchasing renewable energy for large consumers: DONG Climate partnership
• What is the relevance of the carbon footprint?
• What are the main challenges and how can we tackle them?
Christian Schmidt-Berthelsen – Manager Strategic Partnerships, DONG Energy, Denmark

Case study
• How is KPN measuring and influencing Carbon Footprint?
• What is the driver for KPN to purchase renewable electricity?
• How to purchase on the market – best quality and best price and what are the main challenges?
Marga Blom – Manager Energy Management Group, KPN, the Netherlands
Carbon footprint: the rules of the game
• What are the rules for calculating carbon footprints?
• What is the role of World Resources Institute
• What developments are anticipated in the Greenhouse Gas Protocol?
Stephen Russell – Senior Associate, WRI -GHG Protocol, USA

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-14.45 Session 2 – continued
Corporate Social Responsibility – sustainability and additionality
Not all renewable energy is sustainable. But how are consumers informed about this issue? Large-scale renewable energy requires a commitment from (large) consumers. What claims can be made regarding the sustainable character of renewable electricity and its added value? The GO is the perfect instrument for transferring the information about sustainability from producer to consumer. In this session you will be informed about the type of information that is currently provided as well as future expectations.

Green-E: Renewable electricity and carbon accounting in the USA
• The Green-E renewable electricity market
• CO2 allowances as added value when purchasing Green-E renewable electricity
Center for Resource Solutions, USA

The European approach to certified electricity
• How to handle additionality
• How to handle sustainability criteria
Jean-Philippe Denruyter, Manager Global Renewable Energy Policy, WWF International, Belgium

14.45-15.30 Session 3
In this session the speakers of session 2 will engage in an interactive discussion based on a number of challenging statements

15.30-16.00 Coffee break

16.00-17.30 Session 4
The GO as the backbone of the renewable electricity market
Electricity cannot be tracked through the grid and certification of the source of the electricity is therefore necessary. GO provide the perfect tracking system for electricity, and are given legal force by the RES Directive.
This session explores the current developments in GOs implemented by the European Energy Certificate System; the relationship between these and other tracking systems; and further improvements which may be advisable in the context of GO implementation and usage.

Moderator: Gineke van Dijk, Chair of the AIB Board and Manager, CertiQ, The Netherlands

Current developments in the European Energy Certificate System
• The fundamental revision of the EECS Rules, which is currently being introduced by the Association of Issuing Bodies (AIB)
• Introducing the GO for all electricity sources
• Relationship between EECS and the new CEN standard for Guarantees of Origin for electricity
Pierre-Yves Cornélis, Commission Wallonne pour l’Energie, CWaPE, Belgium

Excluding double counting of GO in relation to disclosure
• GO and other tracking mechanisms
• Calculation of the fuel mix of an exporting country
• Necessary steps for ensuring the uniqueness of a GO
Christof Timpe, RE-DISS Project Coordinator, Germany

Improving the backbone
• What has happened in the last 5 years?
• What is lacking in the current system?
• What improvements are needed?
Hans Petter Kildal, Managing Director, Fortum Markets, Norway

17.30-18.30 Networking reception
20.00-23.00 REXperience dinner

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09.00  Summary of the first day’s discussion  
Claes Hedenström – President RECS International and Senior Advisor Vattenfall, Sweden

09.15-10.30  Session 5  
The market for Guarantees of Origin  
What does the market for renewable electricity look like? What volumes are traded and what prices are offered? But, even more important, who are the buyers and sellers? This session will put you in the picture.

Is an electronic marketplace possible?  
• When can we expect an electronic marketplace?  
• What is required, e.g. standard products, etc?  
• What will a future electronic marketplace look like?  
Stefano Alaimo – Chairman of the EuroPEX Working Group on Environmental Markets, Italy

Market infrastructure and volumes traded  
• The role of central registries, the Hub and market places  
• Volumes issued, traded and used  
• The effects of new RES directive on market infrastructure and volumes  
Marko Lehtovaara, CEO, Grexel Systems, Finland

10.30-11.00  Coffee break

11.00-12.30  Session 6  
Towards 2014  
This session will give you insight into international trade mechanisms. What future developments can be expected?

Lessons learned in the USA  
• The interstate certificate market in the USA  
• Green-E as a case in point  
Lenny Hochschild, Managing Director, Evolution Markets Inc, USA

Cooperation between Member States  
• The status of the National Renewable Energy Plans (NREAPs)  
• What can be expected from Joint Projects?  
• What can be expected from Joint Support Systems?  
Tom Howes, Policy Officer, European Commission DG Energy, Belgium

Cooperation mechanisms and private sector involvement  
• Role for market players regarding different cooperation mechanisms  
• Reflection on CM design with private sector involvement: prepare for 2014 RES directive review.  
• Assessment of ongoing co-operation platforms: options for Switzerland in the future EU RES markets  
Peter Houzer, Environmental Markets Regulation, Alpiq, Switzerland

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12.30  End of RECS Market Meeting  
All delegates are invited for the RECS Policy Forum, including lunch  
(see program on page 7)
12.30-14.00 Lunch
- Special lunch speaker

14.00-17.00 The costs of RES and of introducing market based support systems
In this forum we will address the main recommendations to Member States on the implementation of the Guarantee of Origin (GO) and the use of cooperation mechanisms. The 2009 RES Directive offers greater clarity on the use of the GO. So far, however, GOs have only been used for disclosure while in terms of achieving the 20/20/20 targets, one of the major barriers to using more renewable energy is costs. At the forum you will gain insight into the positions of policy makers on cooperation mechanisms now and in the future.

The Policy Forum will be an interactive event. RECS International will publish a position paper on how to create a pan-European market. Keynote speakers will be asked to respond to this paper and participants will be actively involved in the resulting discussions.

Confirmed keynote speakers are:
- Claude Turmes, Member European Parliament
- Paul van Son, Chairman of EFET and CEO Desertec Industrial Initiative
- Helge Sigurd Naes-Schmidt, Managing Economist, Copenhagen Economics
- Cecilia Hellner, Senior Advisor Market, ENTSO-E
- Claes Hedenström, President RECS International and Senior Advisor Vattenfall, Sweden
- DG Energy, European Commission*
- BMU, German Ministry*
- EURELECTRIC*
- IFIEC*

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