

The Commission invites delegates to the Climate Change Committee to consider the below text with a view to integration into the minutes of the meeting of 13 December as opinion pursuant to Article 5(5) of Commission Decision 2010/670/EU ("NER300 Decision").

The Climate Change Committee has considered the draft Commission Implementing Decision awarding funding under the first call for proposals of the NER300 funding programme.

The Climate Change Committee has noted that the funds available from the sale of 200 million allowances are limited due to the prevailing weak carbon price, otherwise it would have been possible to fund under the first call even more projects.

The Climate Change Committee has expressed its satisfaction with the list of projects proposed for award in the renewables group, covering 23 very promising projects in a wide range of innovative technologies and a large number of Member States. The NER300 funding is hoped to accelerate technological advancement, boost the deployment of innovative low-carbon technologies in the transition to a low-carbon economy and stimulate growth and investment.

The Climate Change Committee has ^{noted} expressed its ~~disappointment~~ with the absence of awards in the CCS group. Whilst the majority of CCS projects were not confirmed in line with the requirements of the NER300 Decision by the respective Member States, the one remaining CCS project on the list was withdrawn shortly before the award decision. The Climate Change Committee has invited the Commission to analyse the reasons for this in the context of the upcoming report ^h from the Commission to the Climate Change Committee on the implementation of the first call for proposals, with a view to having some CCS awards in the second call for proposals. (X)

The Climate Change Committee has noted ^{the work of} with ~~satisfaction~~ the role played by the European Investment Bank as an agent of the Commission in the implementation of the NER300 programme.

The Climate Change Committee has also invited the Commission to proceed as swiftly as possible with the second call for proposals thereby allowing promising projects not being awarded in the first call to seek funding in the second call.

(X) and some MS have expressed their disappointment

L (+ MS have asked EC to report on the set-up & situation of RES projects)