



# Priorities and progress on JAES Energy Sector Road Map 2014-2017

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# Priorities on JAES Energy Sector Road Map 2014-2017

- Continental integration and trade including harmonisation of policies and regulations
- Continue cooperation in infrastructure and ensure cross-sectoral coordination through the Reference Group on Infrastructure (RGI)
- Strategic priorities in the field of energy, transport, water and Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)
- Development of Sector Strategy Paper follow the guiding policy frameworks with strong focus on private sector and interconnections
- Progress towards the 2020 targets of the Africa-EU Energy Partnership (AEEP):
  - Energy access
  - Energy Security
  - Renewable Energy
  - Energy Efficiency



## Key achievements 2015

- Ongoing work and meetings of the RGI:
  - Discussion of projects to be funded by the Pan African Programme 2016 Annual Action Plan, through the AfIF
  - Discussion of the Infrastructure Sector Paper as a major input to the C2C meetings
- Adoption of 9 grants operations for energy (worth over € 74 Mio., total budget amounting € 1.2 billion) in the framework of the EU-Africa Trust Fund during 2015
- Launching of the African Investment facility by the EU (July 2015). Programming well underway (€ 496 Mio. already allocated in 2016)



## Key achievements 2015

- Reinforcing the cooperation on energy between the EU and interested partner countries, other donors and Member States through the signature of Joint Declarations (JD). 14 JD have been signed with African partner countries in 2014 and 2015 (out of a total of 20).







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- The **Technical Assistance Facility (TAF)**, managed by DEVCO.C.6, has been working in various countries and Regional Economic Communities (REC's), supporting African partners to set up enabling and conducive environments in order to attract private investors to the sector.
- Launching of the **ElectriFI financing initiative** (during COP21)
- Launching of the first project for the **extension of the Covenant of Mayors to Sub-Saharan African cities** (€ 10 Mio.). In particular, a Call for Proposals was launched for cities to present their plans for activities in energy efficiency and urban/transportation planning. A proposal will be made to commit € 10 Mio. to the second phase of the programme in the 2016 GPGC Annual Action Plan.
- A long-term TAF mission is supporting the AUC in the development of a legal **harmonised continental regulatory framework** for the energy sector in Africa. A workshop marking the end of the first phase of the mission was held on 23-24 February at AU.



## Key achievements 2015 AEEP

- Mapping exercise: Establishment of a knowledge base on existing energy initiatives and programs in support of Africa's energy sector development
- Organization of a high level EU-Africa energy business forum that was attended by more than 8 Ministers as well as other high level business executives from Africa and Europe
- Organization of several Steering Group (SG) meetings and side-events of the AEEP in the margins of international events including:
  - Vienna Energy Forum (VEF, June 2015)
  - South Africa International Renewable Energy Conference (SAIREC, October 2015)
  - COP-21 (December 2015)
- Publish of the study 'BEST PRACTICES for CLEAN ENERGY ACCESS' in AFRICA by the AEEP in cooperation with the Alliance for Rural Electrification (ARE)



## Key achievements and way forward AEEP

- Various ongoing energy programmes that directly contribute to meeting the 2020 targets of the Africa-EU Energy Partnership, for instance:
  - Renewable Energy Cooperation Programme (RECP)
  - Geothermal Risk Mitigation Facility (GRMF)
  - Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA)
  - and more
- The 2nd Stakeholder Forum, one of the key dialogue events of the AEEP, will be held in Milan, on 16-17 May 2016. The objective is to enhance the engagement of non-state actors, in particular private sector, civil society and academia, in sustainable energy sector development in Africa
- The final result of the mapping exercise will be released in the first half of 2016



## Conclusion



- Overall good progress and active cooperation in the strategic priorities in infrastructure
- Continue cooperation also on emerging themes such as sustainable smart cities
- Planning of achievements for 2016 are well under way



# Thank you for your attention!

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