

**Question for written answer E-012628/2011
to the Commission
Rule 117
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Subject: Action to increase the penetration of small wind farms in the energy mix

In response to my question E-009353/2011 on action to increase the penetration of small wind farms in the energy mix, Commissioner for Energy Mr Oettinger replied that the Commissioner can support actions in connection with small-scale wind farms under the structural funds. Commissioner for Regional Development Mr ¹²Hahn and Minister for Development, Competitiveness and Shipping Michael Chrysochoides referred on 14 December 2011 to an action plan for 181 projects totalling EUR 11.5 billion, funded under the NSRF, for completion by 2015. In fact, Commissioner Hahn stated that the list of 181 projects had not yet been completed, that new projects were expected to be added and that projects nearing completion might be removed. ³The final list earmarks EUR 690 million for the energy sector; however, none of the energy projects relate to small-scale wind farms or other RES and EUR 5 million for the pilot geothermal project has been removed.

Will the Commission answer the following:

1. Does the Commission intend to liaise with the Greek government and/or other domestic operators for the purpose of including actions to promote small-scale wind farms in the list of 181 projects, especially on the islands, where Greece pays EUR 700 million a year to buy fuel oil and diesel in order to meet local energy generation requirements?
2. Does the NSRF 2007-2013 include specific appropriations for projects to promote small-scale wind farms?

¹ <http://www.mindev.gov.gr/?p=6074>

² http://www.mindev.gov.gr/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/2011_12_14_omilies_YpAAN_Yfyp_Xan.doc

³ <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0Ajg1MGYerw9NdHhyMWFLRUxUcVRvMkdBd01xOXNLTWc#gid=0>