

Kick-off workshop in Baden-Württemberg

On 2nd July 2015 the kick-off workshop for the task force 'Baden-Württemberg' took place in Stuttgart at the Ministry of the Environment, Climate Protection and the Energy Sector Baden-Württemberg.

The kick-off was organized as workshop to which the participants have been invited directly by the Ministry. In preparation of the workshop a short questionnaire (10 questions) has been developed and sent to the participants. The reason for this was to get input and feedback (e.g. barriers and opportunities of RES DHC systems) from the participants before the workshop. This allowed a very specific and target-oriented preparation.



Photo: Kick-off Workshop (source Solites)

Different stakeholder groups participated at the workshop. In total there have been 36 participants from local communities, district heating suppliers, utilities, planners and consultants. After the introduction of the participants the background of the project SmartReFlex and the aims of the workshop were explained: The collection of barriers and opportunities of RES DH systems as well as possible solutions to improve the boundary conditions.

In the following four hours the most frequently mentioned issues were discussed in the workshop in an open format to collect as many ideas, solutions and barriers as possible.

In the end each participant selected the five most important solutions out of the collected 57 ideas that have been collected during the workshop.

After this first workshop the findings have been summarized in a paper ('Sachstandspapier') to derive the relevant topics and participants needed for the following meetings and workshops.

Guide for regional authorities published

Within the SmartReFlex project a guide for regional authorities in Europe was produced. It gives recommendations on creating, organising and managing a process for the introduction to market of district heating & cooling (DHC) systems with a high percentage of renewable energy sources (RES).



Photo: Guide for regional authorities (source Solites)

As an example, we demonstrate the Danish success story of integrating renewable energy sources in district heating. The implementation approach of six European regions is also described.

