



Italy to issue new package of energy measures

Italian Government is about to issue a package of energy measures aimed at boosting investments in the green energy field.

The package comprises (i) two new decrees ruling the incentives awarded to electricity generated by renewables sources other than photovoltaic plants (i.e., wind, biomass, and other renewables sources); (ii) a decree setting the guidelines for the awarding of white certificates and (iii) a new decree ruling incentives awarded to bio-methane production plants.

What follows is a snapshot of the decrees based on the information presently available. As soon as such decrees are published we will provide a detailed analysis.

Energy Efficiency incentives

According to GSE's forecast, during 2016, 6 million of white certificates are expected to be issued.

On 18 February last, the Administrative Court of Lazio ordered to the Italian Ministry of Economic Development (**Mise**) to issue within June of this year the long awaited guidelines for the release of white certificates.

The Guidelines will be an important step ahead in avoiding disputes between GSE and the ESCos, giving therefore more transparency to the mechanism and hopefully avoiding many of the criticalities arising in the difficult process of awarding white certificates to energy saving projects.

Bio-methane incentives

The Mise has recently declared that a new ministerial decree boosting incentives awarded to bio-methane production plants will be issued within the following days. The new decree will complete the regulatory framework related to biogas plants as already ruled by (i) the Ministerial Decree 5 December 2013 and (ii) the AEEG Resolution 46/2015/R/gas concerning the connection procedures of bio-methane plants into the natural gas grid. The Italian Government with the new decree intends to heavily incentivize the use of bio-methane as transport fuel.

Incentives awarded to renewables plants other than photovoltaic

Two new decrees are expected to be issued in the next days. The first regarding the incentives awarded to renewable plants up to December 2016 and a second one ruling incentives for 2017-2019 period. Both decrees will set thresholds at 5.8€ billion.



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