



News on Crowdfunding for Renewable Energy

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Welcome to the first CrowdFundRES Newsletter!



The **Renewable Energy Directive** of the European Union is now six years old. All the more recent initiatives, most notably the momentum now behind a European Energy Union, build on the groundwork that the Directive has laid. It symbolically stands for a pioneering strategic policy commitment of the kind that is finally taken for granted today by most advanced industrialised nation states as they have recognised the imperative to rebalance their economies towards more sustainable energy futures. We are making progress towards the targets of achieving a **20% share of renewables** in final energy consumption by 2020 across Europe, and of 27% by 2030. Nevertheless, it is important to recognise that these remain very ambitious goals. While it is true that the current share of renewables has increased beyond 15% already, it is also clear that we have reached a point now where further increases will face an ever steeper gradient as they will have to come from more radical forms of **reshaping energy production and governance**.

It would be perilous to ignore the role of public finance as a key driver to the direction of energy sector reforms. Initiatives under way will stand and fall with **nationally sustainable ways** to finance such reforms, and the pressure points following the fallout of the various financial and economic crises that have swept the global economy over recent years have presented policy makers with stark choices when it comes to supporting the shift to renewables.

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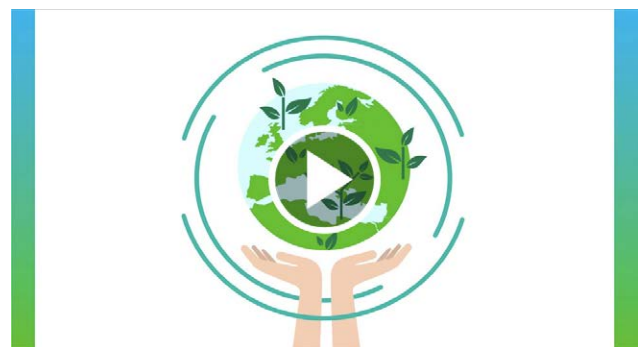
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Renewable Energy Crowdfunding going mainstream



The **renewable energy crowdfunding industry** is going mainstream in the UK, and the regulatory frameworks are being established across the EU that will allow for the rapid growth of the sector over the rest of the decade.

[...] At a time when renewable energy subsidies are being reduced, being able to offer **tax-free returns** should reduce the cost of borrowing money through crowdfunding for project developers, making crowdfunding a more attractive option. It is not just in the UK that the market is developing. Across Europe **the regulation is falling into place** to support the **growth of the sector**.

Renewable Energy Crowdfunding Conference in London



The 2nd edition of the **Renewable Energy Crowdfunding Conference** will bring together more than 150 investors, financiers, project developers and crowdfunding platforms from more than 20 countries. The speakers will share both their expertise and their inspiring views on crowdfunding, with experts representing the platforms' world and providing investment, consulting, and legal insights. **CrowdFundRES will be represented** in the conference, discussing the latest developments in the sector and **presenting an early release of the results of the EU wide survey**.

Events

Recommended events



[Renewable Energy Crowdfunding Conference](#) - 5 November 2015 London, UK

[EWEA 2015 Annual Event](#) - 17-20 November 2015 Paris, France

[European Alternative Finance Summit](#) - 19-20 November 2015, London

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