Certification of installers

Progress towards mutual recognition

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“Member States shall ensure that certification schemes or equivalent qualification schemes become or are available by 31 December 2012 for installers of small-scale biomass boilers and stoves, solar photovoltaic and solar thermal systems, shallow geothermal systems and heat pumps”
Article 14.3 – Part 2

- “Those schemes may take into account existing schemes and structures as appropriate, and shall be based on the criteria laid down in Annex IV.”

- “Each Member State shall recognise certification awarded by other Member States in accordance with those criteria.”
Scheme overview

Posters produced in 2013:

- Scheme design/ overview
- Individual or company
- Mandatory or voluntary
- Level of education
- The scales of the technologies covered
- Any links to financial incentives
Harmonisation?
How would you determine whether the Annex IV criteria have been met?

Results of a survey undertaken in 2014 – 22 MS responded to survey
1. Situation

Does scheme meet Annex IV requirements?

2. Yes

But...host country scheme has more requirements

3. Yes

Could ask for:
- Declaration
- Evidence of formal qualifications
- Aptitude test
- Period of monitoring
- Regular tests
- Mix of the above

Evidence OK?

4. Yes

Could ask for:
- Continuous professional development
- Insurance
- Language skills
- Quality assurance process
- Period of monitoring

Evidence OK?

5. Yes

Recognise scheme

Add to your installer list

5. No

Reject

Evidence OK?

Host country recognise scheme

Add to your installer list
Perceived benefits of mutual recognition
Results of a survey undertaken in 2014 – 22 MS responded to survey

- Compliance with the Directive
- Facilitates an open market and develops demand
- Knowledge/ good practice exchange across countries
- Greater employment opportunities in a wider market
- Simplified conformity checks across countries
- Greater competition leading to lower prices
- Larger numbers of renewables installed
Supplementary rules mean rules governing a renewables installer certification scheme that are not mentioned in art. 14.3, and annex IV of the RES Directive. An example of this could be a language requirement.

**FIGURE 1 – Overall scheme for Mutual Recognition of Installers of RE in the framework of article 14 of RES Directive**

**Voluntary company or personal certification scheme**
- RES Directive art. 14, sec. 3 and annex IV (only if admittance requirements equals annex IV)

**Mandatory company certification schemes**
- SD
- RES Directive (only if admittance requirements equals annex IV)

**Mandatory personal certification schemes**
- SD
- PQD
- RES Directive (only if admittance requirements equals annex IV)

**Supplementary rules governing a voluntary company or personal certification scheme**
- General EU law (Treaty on the Functioning of the EU, art. 49 and 56)

**Supplementary rules within the scope of the SD and PQD governing a mandatory personal certification scheme**
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- PQD

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**Abbreviations:**
- SD – services on the internal market directive (2006/123/EC),
- PQD – professionals’ qualifications directive (2005/36/EC),

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