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EFET issues RED II compliant contractual standard to boost trading across the European certificates markets

Following a thorough review process, the European Federation of Energy Traders (EFET)¹ has successfully updated the EFET standard renewable energy Certificates Master Agreement.

Given the tried and tested approach and wording of the EECS MA released back in 2013, the language of the agreement has been further expanded to cover various types of certificates, following the approach taken by the EFET PPA. Beyond the EECS Certificates foreseen by the original EECS MA, there are various other renewable certificates which are commonly traded in Europe, e.g. national GoOs (UK REGO, Polish green/blue certificates of origin), support certificate schemes (Norwegian/Swedish Elcert, Romanian GoO, UK ROC).

Several other developments serve as driving changes to the European certificates markets which in its turn called for an update of the EECS MA, e.g. change of the existing EU GoO regime under RED II, including treatment for facilities which receive support, and expansion of the EU GoO regime under RED2 to cover biogas and hydrogen.

“It is a very timely agreement given the implementation of RED II, and it allows national RE certificates to be traded, in addition to EECS GoOs, reflecting the experience of the EFET members using the agreement”, notes Dr Jan Haizmann, EFET Board Member and Chair of the EFET Legal Committee.

“It was about time to look at it from the perspective of other certificates being in the market. Together with industry experts we have considered what changes would help for the agreement to be used more frequently in the market of different types of certificates, for it to be RED II ready which the agreement now is, and also reflected the practical considerations of amending the confirmations and the process around the transfer of certificates”, concludes Andreas Gunst, lead counsel at DLA Piper who steered the drafting process.

We express our appreciation in particular to the many EFET members who contributed greatly to this initiative, the energy team at DLA Piper, headed by Andreas Gunst, for their great redrafting support, as well as to RECS International and its members for the comments and alignment.

For full text of the EECS Certificate Master Agreement (v. 1.1, September 2020), please refer to our website: <https://efet.org/standardisation/specific-contracts/renewable-certificates/>

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