

FRANCE

Crediting System in Favour of Energy Management – FOGIME

FOGIME was created in cooperation with the French development bank for small and medium enterprises and ADEME. Its goal is to provide small and medium enterprises with loans for energy efficiency and renewable energy investments. Eligible investments include:

- high performance production, use, recovery and energy storage equipment
- energy efficient modifications of production processes
- renewables.

The guarantee covers medium and long-term risks (2-15 years) and insures the risk taken by the financial institution providing the loan. The guarantee covers 70% of the loan in comparison to 40% average coverage rates for other SME projects covered by BDPME.

Funding: This fund guarantees up to €242 million for loans, total. The guarantee fund for investments in energy sustainability (efficiency and renewables) has an annual budget of approximately €17.8 million, of which €7.62 million comes from ADEME and €10.21 million come from a branch of the development bank for SMEs (BDPME).

Effective date: 2001

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Flexible Depreciation

Specific depreciation rate (100% in one year) for investments in the field of RES investments.

Fonds d'Intervention pour l'Environnement et la Maîtrise de l'Energie (FIDEME)

FIDEME is a fund for environment and energy efficiency, and a specific financial scheme to support private investors. It provides up to 25% of total project costs.

Funding: €45 million in 2001 (€15 million from ADEME, and €30 million from two partner financiers).

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Investment Tax Credit for Large Collective Equipment, Renewable Energy Equipment, Thermal Insulation and Heating Regulation Equipment

The finance law of 2003 extended the tax credit for the acquisition of large collective equipment, renewable energy equipment and thermal insulation and heating-regulation material through the end of 2005.

Effective date: 2002-2005

Contact: Ministere de L'Economie, des Finances et de l'Industrie

More information: www.industrie.gouv.fr/cgi-bin/industrie/frame0.pl?url=/energie/sommaire.htm

Renewable Energy Feed-in Tariffs

All sites qualifying for the mandatory buy-back rates must be under 12 MW of nominal capacity and have been built after the law was adopted. Additional local tariffs may also apply. The following feed-in tariffs have been established:

Newly revised tariffs (July 10, 2006)

- Photovoltaic: 20 year contract. .30 €/kWh in continental France (+.25 for roof/wall/window integrated systems. .40€/kWh in Corsica (+.15),
- On shore wind: 15 year contract. .082€/kWh for the first 10 years. .082 to .028 €/kWh for the 5 following years according to annual duration of operation.
- Offshore wind : 20 year contract. .13 €/kWh for the first 10 years. .13 to .03 €/kWh for the 10 following years according to the annual duration of operation
- Biogas 15 year contract. .075 €/kWh standard. .09€/kWh in Metropolitan France according to the working installed capacity. Additional premium up to .03 €/kWh for energy efficient systems.
- Geothermal: 15 year contract. .12€/kWh in Metropolitan France. Additional premium up to .03 €/kWh for energy efficient systems.

Existing tariffs

- Biomass (combustion of plant matter) – April 16, 2002 – 15 year contract. .049€/kWh + premium for energy efficiency of up to .012€/kWh
- Biomass (livestock wastes) – March 13, 2002 – 15 year contract. .045 to .05€/kWh + premium for energy efficiency of up to .003€/kWh
- Small installations (< 36 kVA) – March 13, 2002 – 15 year contract. .0787 to .0960 €/kWh
- Domestic waste except biogas – October 2, 2001 – 15 years. .045 to .05 €/kWh + premium based on energy efficiency ranging up to .003 €/kWh
- Cogeneration -- July 31, 2001 – 12 year contract. .061 to .0915 €/kWh according to the price of gas, operational life and the power
- Hydroelectric – June 25, 2001 – 20 year contract. .0549 to .061 €/kWh according to the power + premium ranging between 0 and .0152€/kWh according to regularity of the production

Source (2006 update): www.cler.org/tarifs (in French)

Effective date: November 2001

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More information: www.minefi.gouv.fr/, www.industrie.gouv.fr/cgi-bin/industrie/frame0.pl?url=/energie/sommaire.htm
