



Guarantees of origin and disclosure

Contributing to a better deal for
consumers

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Consumer protection and information

Two core elements to consumer information requirements

Electricity suppliers are required to disclose their energy mix in the energy bills of consumers

- **Member States must ensure that the system of disclosure is reliable**
- **Set out in the Internal Market for Electricity Directive (2009/72/EC)**

EU instrument for renewable energy mix disclosure to consumers - the guarantee of origin (GO)

- **GO may be used for energy mix disclosure requirements, but not compulsory**
- **Tradable and transferable between Member States**
- **Requirements are in the Renewable Energy Directive (2009/28/EC)**

Implementation of the GO system

Differences in approach in the ways Member States implement the system

- **Reflecting the flexibilities in the legislation**

Good practice emerging

- **Development of the European Energy Certificate System (EECS) and CEN standard for implementation of electronic GO systems**
- **EU supported research RE-DISS project I and II**
- **CEER advice on disclosure**
- **Member State discussions on implementation (Concerted Action)**

The way forward

Energy Union is supportive of informed consumers and engagement in the energy transition

Questions arising

- **Does the GO system need improving?**
- **Is further harmonisation desirable?**
- **Should they be the sole instrument for tracking renewables within disclosure systems?**
- **Should GOs have a broader scope applying to other energy sources?**

Opportunity to revisit the GO system with the post 2020 legal framework