

Agreement between the Government and KL (Kommunernes Landsforening = Municipals' Association) on the development of wind turbines on land for the period 2008-2011 (inclusive).

It concluded the following agreement between the Government by the Environment Minister and KL:

1. Background to the agreement are 1) Energy Conciliation of 21 February 2008, 2) "Status of December 2007 for municipals' provision of the plan basis for wind turbines, providing the basis for replacement scheme", and 3) the report from the "planning committee for turbines on land" by March 2007.
2. The objective of the agreement is that the municipalities provide:
 - By 2008, the final plan for 350 MWs of land-based wind turbines as part of the 2004 replacement scheme, which runs from 2005 to 2010, and then
 - Planning (reservation of land in the form of guidelines and frameworks) for additional 75 MW land-based wind turbines for each of the years 2010 and 2011.

There is agreement that from today, the municipality plans (guidelines and frameworks), which are to be approved by the municipals' councils will be included in the objective for the planning of 75 MWs of wind turbines for 2010 and 2011, but this does not include turbines that are part of the scrapping scheme, or which are beyond the 2004 target for 350 MW.

Any complaints regarding the approved municipal plans to the Nature Review Board or to other complaints board will not affect the municipalities' achievements of goals.

3. The Municipality Contact Councils (KKR) over-see the municipals' compliance of this agreement. KKR forms the basis for dividing the country into groups of municipalities for the wind turbine planning, and this includes the national targets for the years 2010 and 2011 being divided into partial aims for the groups of municipality. Municipalities within each group, will individually or jointly help realize the national goal for municipal planning (reservation of land) for wind turbines through the implementation and adoption of municipal plans and municipal plans appendixes in the form of guidelines and frameworks for the given partial aims for the given period.

Planning (reservation of land) that is made towards the 150 MW total, up to 31st December 2011, will contribute towards the fulfilment of this agreement and the forthcoming VE-law requirements for municipal planning (reservation of land).

4. As provided in the energy settlement there will be four "systems" established on 1) local ownership, 2) guaranteed fund to aid the finance of local turbine cooperatives' feasibility studies, etc., 3) a "green fund" and 4) compensation for neighbours to new wind turbines for loss of property values due to wind turbine placement. The parties agree that these systems are significant incentives, all of which are a prerequisite for the implementation of the wind turbine plan.

5. The parties agree that the agreement will be renegotiated if significant new or changed requisites for the municipal wind turbine plans are introduced; for example, imposing new security zones around wind turbines, fencing in of areas or increased distance requirement between turbines and neighbours.
6. The parties agree that City and Countryside Agency / Environment Centres monitor the progress of the municipal planning, based on the digital planning system.
7. There is agreement that KL commits itself to explore whether there are municipals that want and are able to promise a relatively high proportion of the objective, to provide plan for the 75 MW in each of the years 2010 and 2011 so that the land reservation in the form of guidelines and framework for wind turbines will might be adopted by the end of 2009. This provides the opportunity for municipalities to support turbine planning initiatives related to Climate Summit in 2009. The relevant municipalities will then be able to apply for administrative assistance to facilitate this planning. The State allocates funds for that purpose.

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