

# Highlights CT2

## RES Electricity

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1st CA-RES IV Plenary Meeting

17<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> November 2021

### Session 3: Administrative Barriers

The session was focused on barriers in administrative procedures and experiences with the reduction of barriers and the optimisation of procedures.

The durations of administrative processes are often influenced by conflicts between the project applicants and the public (e.g. local initiatives and action groups) during the public participation processes. Public concerns are often caused by a lack of transparency and information regarding the intended projects. An early, transparent and appropriate communication process, that goes beyond basic formal requirements and that addresses existing concerns, can contribute to a settlement of conflicts and can support the acceleration of administrative procedures.

Another important basis for the reduction of administrative barriers is the appropriate staffing and funding of the authorities, which are responsible for the administrative procedures. The authorities need sufficient staff, with appropriate expertise, who can manage the processes in due time. This needs steady training and personnel development.

In general it can be noticed, that a reduction of administrative barriers does not necessarily mean a reduction of administrative procedures but more effective procedures, which can be reached in a cooperation between authorities and project applicants.