

## **Romania: Energy regulator to consider requests for the replacement of green certificates system**

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Producers of energy from renewable sources require from regulatory agency ANRE replacement of green certificates system, because the existing support schemes do not meet the criteria of investors.

"Given that there are clear signals from producers of electricity from renewable sources that the current promotional scheme does not meet the expectations and taking into account the example of other EU Member States which have created alternative support schemes (e.g. England), there is an opinion that the idea of offering an alternative plan for the promotion of the existing certificates should be supported," said ANRE.

In February, the Energy Minister Andrei Gerea said that the government is considering changing the support scheme for renewables, given that the reduction of incentives resulted in a decline in investments. At the same time, there are high expectations in terms of the presentation of feed-in tariffs for units with the capacity greater than 500 kW.

ANRE estimates that the electricity market should be diversified in terms of technology, enabling the achievement of national objective in the field of renewable energy sources in the total energy consumption of 24 percent by 2020, but a bearable impact on consumer bills as well.