

APPENDIX: QUESTIONNAIRE

EVALUATION ‘Multicriteria Decision Aid and Renewable Energy Sources’

On 7 and 8 October the workshop on ‘Multicriteria Decision Aid and Renewable Energy Sources’ was held. We would appreciate your comments and feedback on this workshop. This questionnaire will help us to improve the course in future years and to improve the appropriate course materials.

Please return this evaluation form by email to **sgian@env.aegean.gr** or by surface mail to

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Thank you for the time spend to fill out this form.

The MCDA-res team

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Goals

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Remarks:

A very well researched and presented methodology, which provides a structured approach to decision makers and all actors involved in RES developments.

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The slides/Powerpoint presentations 5
The assignments 4
The transparency of the overall procedure 4

Comments / suggestions:

MCDA-toolkit is a useful toolkit that should be used in more case studies and refined further.

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Comments / suggestions:

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Comments / suggestions:

- I prefer a multi-method approach.
- That is the plus-value of the workshop in Mytilini
- The transparency of the methods is very important.
- Each decision-making process is different so you need maximum user control

It remains that a lot of not-known factors (interests of different players) are more important than known factors

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Comments / suggestions:

In my opinion, the workshop was really useful to know the performance of the toolkit as a very interesting method in RES analysis of situations and decision-making. Nevertheless, I think that the results of the method are very dependent on how the tool is used in terms of what stakeholders are considered to be legitimated and what relevance is given to each of them. Anyway, I think it can be very helpful for decision makers at least to organize all the inputs existing in a case and to deal with them in several different scenarios.

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Comments / suggestions:

I think that the workshop was very clear, may be thanks to your additional explanations. However, I didn't know very much about Multicriteria Decision Aid when I came and I think that now I'm able to use it in a correct way, that means that I understood it.

The only thing I believe that I could emphasize is that this method is clear for people related with economy, environmental sciences, etc. I mean, I don't know if it could be so clear for people who have no relation with that issue.

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