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Wallonia – Summary text

In the Walloon region, the generation of electricity through renewable energy plants is promoted through the federal system of green certificates as well as through regional support schemes such as energy subsidies, investment assistance for companies or for public bodies and net-metering. The generation of heat through renewable energy plants is promoted through a system of energy subsidies as well as through investment assistance for companies.

In the Walloon region, access of electricity from renewable energy sources is basically regulated by the Walloon grid code and by the regional electricity market decree. Electricity from renewable energy sources is given priority in both connection to and use of the grid.

Several policies aim at promoting the development, installation and usage of RES-installations, including training programmes for RES-installers; research, development and dissemination (RD&D) programmes; a building obligation for the use of renewable heating and a support scheme for the development of the RES-H infrastructure. Moreover, the Walloon government has developed a programme ensuring the exemplary role of public authorities.



RES-E support schemes

Summary of support schemes

Overview	In the Walloon region, the generation of electricity through renewable energy plants is promoted through the federal system of green certificates as well as through regional support schemes such as energy subsidies, investment assistance for companies or for public bodies and net-metering.
Summary of support system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quota system (certificats verts): In the Walloon region, renewable electricity generation is promoted through a quota system based on quota obligations. Electricity suppliers are obliged to prove, by submitting certificates, that a certain statutory and continuously increasing proportion (quota) of the electricity they supply was generated from renewable sources. The minimum price per certificate is guaranteed by statutory law. • Subsidy (Primes énergie 2012 and 2013): Energy subsidies are provided by the Walloon Region for the generation of electricity through biogas and biomass CHP plants. • Subsidy (Aide à l'investissement): Within the bounds of its available budget, the Walloon Region provides investment assistance for companies which develop projects aiming at developing the sustainable use of energy, including investments in renewable energy plants. • . • Net Metering (Mécanisme de compensation): In the Walloon region, small autoproducers of green electricity are entitled to benefit from a compensation mechanism for the difference between the amount of electricity taken from the grid and the amount of electricity fed into the grid (net-metering).
Technologies	The systems of green certificates and of net-metering promote all renewable electricity generation technologies. Moreover the subsidies of the Walloon region promote the use of biogas and biomass CHP plants, solar energy, hydro-power as well as wind power plants.



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<p>Statutory provisions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 novembre 2006 - Arrêté du Gouvernement wallon relatif à la promotion de l'électricité produite au moyen de sources d'énergie renouvelables ou de cogénération (Decree of the Walloon Government of 30 November 2006 on Support for Renewable Energy and Combined Heat and Power Generation) • 30 mars 2006 – Arrêté du Gouvernement wallon relatif aux obligations de service public dans le marché de l'électricité (Decree of the Walloon Government of 30 March 2006 on Public Service Obligations in the Electricity Sector) • 21 mars 2008 - Arrêté ministériel déterminant le facteur de réduction « k » pour la période 2008 à 2010 (Ministerial Decree of 21 March 2008 Defining the Factor "k" for the period from 2008 to 2010) • 12 avril 2001 - Décret relatif à l'organisation du marché régional de l'électricité (Decree of 12 April 2001 on the Organisation of the Regional Electricity Market) • Arrêté ministériel du 22 mars 2010 (Arrêté ministériel du 22 mars 2010 relatif aux modalités et à la procédure d'octroi des primes visant à favoriser l'utilisation rationnelle de l'énergie - Ministerial decree of 22 March 2010 regarding the granting conditions of the subsidies promoting the rational use of energy) • Circulaire du 29 septembre 2006 (Circulaire du 29 septembre 2006 relative aux modalités d'application de l'arrêté du Gouvernement Wallon du 2 décembre 2004 - Circular of 29 September 2006 regarding the application conditions of the Decree of the Walloon Government) • Arrêté du 2 décembre 2004 (Arrêté du 2 décembre 2004 du Gouvernement Wallon portant exécution du décret du 11 mars 2004 relatif aux incitants destinés à favoriser la protection de l'environnement et l'utilisation durable de l'énergie - Decree of 2 December 2004 of the Walloon Government implementing the decree of 11 March 2004 on the incentives aiming at the promotion of environmental protection and sustainable use of energy) • Décret du 11 mars 2004 (Décret du 11 mars 2004 relatif aux incitants destinés à favoriser la protection de l'environnement et l'utilisation durable de l'énergie - Decree of 11 March 2004 regarding the incentives aiming at the promotion of environmental protection and sustainable use of energy) • Arrêté du 3 mars 2011 (Arrêté du 3 mars 2011 du Gouvernement wallon approuvant le règlement technique pour la gestion des réseaux de distribution d'électricité en Région wallonne et l'accès à ceux-ci - Decree of 3 March 2011 of the Walloon Government approving the technical regulations for the
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	<p>administration of and the access to the distribution grids in the Walloon Region.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Décret du 18 juillet 2012 (Décret du 18 juillet 2012 contenant le premier feuillet d'ajustement du budget des recettes de la Région wallonne pour l'année budgétaire 2012 - Decree of 18 July 2012 describing the first adjustments of the revenue budget of the Walloon Region for the budget year 2012).
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Basic information on legal sources

Name of legal source (original language)	30 novembre 2006 – Arrêté du Gouvernement wallon relatif à la promotion de l'électricité produite au moyen de sources d'énergie renouvelables ou de cogénération	30 mars 2006 – Arrêté du Gouvernement wallon relatif aux obligations de service public dans le marché de l'électricité (AGW-OSP)	12 avril 2001 - Décret relatif à l'organisation du marché régional de l'électricité
Full name			
Name (English)	Decree of the Walloon Government of 30 November 2006 on Support for Renewable Energy and Combined Heat and Power Generation	Decree of the Walloon Government of 30 March 2006 on Public Service Obligations in the Electricity Sector (AGW-OSP)	Decree of 12 April 2001 on the Organisation of the Regional Electricity Market
Abbreviated form	Arrêté du 30 novembre 2006	AGW-OSP du 30 mars 2006	Décret du 12 avril 2001
Entry into force	01.01.2007	26.06.2006	11.05.2001
Last amended on	07.11.2013	29.09.2013	19.12.2012
Future amendments			
Purpose	Supporting renewable electricity generation	This decree implements the "European Directive concerning Common Rules for the Internal	This decree implements the "European Directive on the Promotion of the Use of Energy



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		Market in Electricity" in the region of Wallonia.	from Renewable Sources" and the "European Directive concerning Common Rules for the Internal Market in Electricity" in the region of Wallonia.
Relevance for renewable energy		The decree introduces the grid operators' obligation to purchase electricity from renewable sources and sets the minimum price for green certificates.	
Link to full text of legal source (original language)	http://wallex.wallonie.be/index.php?doc=8946&rev=8067-18085	http://wallex.wallonie.be/index.php?doc=8986&rev=8106-18344	http://wallex.wallonie.be/index.php?doc=9075
Link to full text of legal source (English)			



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Name of legal source (original language)	Arrêté du 3 mars 2011 du Gouvernement wallon approuvant le règlement technique pour la gestion des réseaux de distribution d'électricité en Région wallonne et l'accès à ceux-ci.	Arrêté ministériel du 29 septembre 2011 déterminant le facteur de réduction « k » à partir du 1 ^{er} octobre 2011	Arrêté ministériel du 22 mars 2010 relatif aux modalités et à la procédure d'octroi des primes visant à favoriser l'utilisation rationnelle de l'énergie	Décret du 18 juillet 2012 contenant le premier feuillet d'ajustement du budget des recettes de la Région wallonne pour l'année budgétaire 2012
Full name				
Name (English)	Decree of 3 March 2011 of the Walloon Government approving the technical regulations for the administration of and the access to the distribution grids in the Walloon Region.	Ministerial Decree of 29 September 2011 defining the factor "k" as of 1 October 2011	Ministerial decree of 22 March 2010 regarding the granting conditions of the subsidies promoting the rational use of energy	Decree of 18 July 2012 describing the first adjustments of the revenue budget of the Walloon Region for the budget year 2012
Abbreviated form	Arrêté du 3 mars 2011	Arrêté du 29 septembre 2011	Arrêté ministériel du 22 mars 2010	Décret du 18 juillet 2012
Entry into force	21.05.2011	01.10.2011	30.04.2010	01.01.2012
Last amended on		07.11.2013	25.01.2013	
Future amendments				



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Purpose	This decree specifies the technical regulations for the Walloon distribution grid.			
Relevance for renewable energy	This decree also regards the green electricity production plants.	The factor „k“ is a coefficient which reduces the number of green certificates issued per unit of electricity	This ministerial decree specifies the conditions for the allocation of the subsidy for the installation of renewable energy plants.	This decree introduced a fee for RES-E producers operating installations with a capacity over 10 kW.
Link to full text of legal source (original language)	http://wallex.wallonie.be/index.php?doc=19977	http://wallex.wallonie.be/index.php?doc=21339&rev=22356-18085	http://wallex.wallonie.be/index.php?doc=16958	http://wallex.wallonie.be/index.php?doc=23137&rev=24254-12764
Link to full text of legal source (English)				



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Name of legal source (original language)	Circulaire du 29 septembre 2006 relative aux modalités d'application de l'arrêté du Gouvernement Wallon du 2 décembre 2004 relatifs aux incitants destinés à favoriser la protection de l'environnement et l'utilisation durable de l'énergie	Arrêté du 2 décembre 2004 du Gouvernement Wallon portant exécution du décret du 11 mars 2004 relatif aux incitants destinés à favoriser la protection de l'environnement et l'utilisation durable de l'énergie		Décret du 11 mars 2004 relatif aux incitants destinés à favoriser la protection de l'environnement et l'utilisation durable de l'énergie
Full name				
Name (English)	Circular of 29 September 2006 regarding the application conditions of the Decree of the Walloon Government on the incentives aiming at the promotion of environmental protection and sustainable use of energy	Decree of 2 December 2004 of the Walloon Government implementing the decree of the 11 March 2004 on the incentives aiming at the promotion of environmental protection and sustainable use of energy	.	Decree of 11 March 2004 regarding the incentives aiming at the promotion of environmental protection and sustainable use of energy
Abbreviated form	Circulaire du 29 septembre 2006	Arrêté du 2 décembre 2004		Décret du 11 mars 2004
Entry into force	19.01.2007	01.10.2003		18.04.2004
Last amended on		26.08.2013		12.12.2008



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Future amendments				
Purpose				This decree introduces the investment assistance of the Walloon region for companies investing in environmental protection and sustainable energy projects
Relevance for renewable energy	This circular specifies the application conditions for the investment assistance for renewable energy projects	This decree regulates the investment assistance for renewable energy projects		These projects include renewable energy projects
Link to full text of legal source (original language)	http://wallex.wallonie.be/index.php?doc=3763&rev=3092-1780	http://wallex.wallonie.be/index.php?doc=3770&rev=3099-18124		http://wallex.wallonie.be/index.php?doc=3774&rev=3103-3436
Link to full text of legal source (English)				



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Commission Wallonne pour l'Energie (CWaPE) - Walloon Energy Commission	http://www.cwape.be/		+ 32 81 33 08 10	
Service Public de Wallonie (SPW) Direction Générale opérationnelle de l'Energie (DGO4) – Public Service of the Walloon region – Directorate General for Energy (DG04)	http://energie.wallonie.be		+ 32 81 48 63 11	



Support schemes

Subsidy (primes Energie 2012 and 2013)

Abbreviated form of legal source(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrêté ministériel du 22 mars 2010 	
Contact Authority	Public Service of Wallonia - Department of Energy and Sustainable Building (DG04)	
Summary	Energy subsidies are provided by the Walloon Region for the generation of electricity through CHP plants using renewable energy. The energy subsidies for CHP plants were renewed for the year 2013 with the same conditions as for 2012.	
Eligible technologies	General information	CHP plants using biogas or biomass are eligible.
	Wind energy	
	Solar energy	
	Geothermal energy	
	Biogas	<p>The installation of biogas CHP plants is eligible under certain conditions, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The biogas CHP plant shall be installed in a building • The notification of acceptance of the Walloon Energy Commission (CWAPE) regarding the green certificates and the guarantees of origin shall be dated between the 1 January and the 31 December 2012 (Primes Énergie 2012) or between the 1 January and the 31 December 2013 (Primes Énergie 2013). • The CHP plant shall be installed by a registered installer
	Hydro-power	



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	Biomass	<p>The installation of biomass CHP plants is eligible under certain conditions, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The biomass CHP plant shall be installed in a building • The notification of acceptance of the Walloon Energy Commission (CWAPE) regarding the green certificates and the guarantees of origin shall be dated between the 1 January and the 31 December 2012 (Primes Énergie 2012) or between the 1 January and the 31 December 2013 (Primes Énergie 2013). • The CHP plant shall be installed by a registered installer
Amount	The subsidy amounts to 20 % of the installation costs (mounting costs only) and cannot exceed € 15,000 (Art. 31 Arrêté ministériel du 22 mars 2010).	
Addressees	All natural or legal persons (Art. 4 and 46 Arrêté ministériel du 22 mars 2010)	
Procedure	Process flow	The applicant shall submit his application to the Walloon administration within 4 months following the notification of acceptance of the Walloon Energy Commission (CWAPE) regarding green certificates and guarantees of origin of the installation (Art. 33 Arrêté ministériel du 22 mars 2010).
	Competent authority	Public Service of Wallonia - Department of Energy and Sustainable Building (DG04).
Flexibility mechanism		
Distribution of costs	State	The energy subsidies are directly financed by the budget of the Walloon region.



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	Consumers	
	Plant operator	
	Grid operator	
	European Union	
	Distribution mechanism	



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Subsidy (Aide à l'investissement)

Abbreviated form of legal source(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulaire du 29 septembre 2006 • Arrêté du 2 décembre 2004 • Décret du 11 mars 2004 	
Contact Authority	Public Service of Wallonia - Department of Energy and Sustainable Building (DG04)	
Summary	Within the bounds of its available budget, the Walloon Region provides investment assistance for companies which develop projects aiming at developing the sustainable use of energy, including investments in renewable energy plants.	
Eligible technologies	General information	Eligible are only investments in tangible and intangible assets. As far as renewable energy plants are concerned, equipment for biogas and biomass CHP plants, hydro-power as well as wind power plants are eligible. Some equipment is however subjected to acceptance of the Walloon Energy and Economy Administrations (Administrations de l'Energie et de l'Economie). For an exhaustive description please refer to the interpretative circular of 29 September 2006 (Circulaire du 29 septembre 2006).
	Wind energy	Installations with an electrical power over 1 MW are eligible (Art.9 §2 Arrêté du 2 décembre 2004).
	Solar energy	
	Geothermal energy	
	Biogas	The production of heat and electricity through biogas CHP plants with an electrical power less than 10 kW is eligible (Art.9 §2 Arrêté du 2 décembre 2004).
	Hydro-power	Eligible



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	Biomass	Heat production through biomass heating plants as well as heat and electricity production through biomass CHP plants are eligible, except for the following investments (Art.9 §2 Arrêté du 2 décembre 2004): - CHP plants with an electrical power over 5 MW using solid biomass - Large company investments in CHP plants with an electrical power over 1 MW using solid biomass - Company investments in CHPplants using liquid biomass
Amount	<p>The investment costs eligible for the investment assistance shall amount to at least € 25,000 (Art. 7 §3 Arrêté du 2 décembre 2004).</p> <p>The subsidy is calculated on the basis of the additional costs borne by companies compared with the costs of conventional energy production plants with the same capacity.</p> <p>The amount of subsidy differs according to the company:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For small and medium companies: max 50 % of the investments costs can be supported. Moreover, the total amount of the subsidy cannot exceed € 1.5 million over 4 years (Art.9 §2 Arrêté du 2 décembre 2004). <p>For large companies: max 20 % of the investments costs can be supported. However, if the company is located within a development zone, the amount can be increased by 5 % or 10 % according to the province (Art.9 §2 and 4 Arrêté du 2 décembre 2004).</p>	
Addressees	The entitled companies can be natural persons (shopkeepers, liberal professions), commercial companies as well as agricultural companies (Art. 4 Décret du 11 mars 2004).	
Procedure	Process flow	A preliminary form shall be submitted before the beginning of the investments. The beginning of the investments corresponds to the date of the first invoice. After the administration has acknowledged receipt of the preliminary form, the company shall submit its application within the following 6 months.



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	Competent authority	Public Service of Wallonia - Department of Energy and Sustainable Building (DG04).
Flexibility mechanism	The investment assistance of the Walloon region can only be granted to companies having at least one operation office located in the Walloon region, and whose investment project is planned within the Walloon region (Art. 6 Décret du 11 mars 2004).	
Distribution of costs	State	The energy subsidies are directly financed by the budget of the Walloon region.
	Consumers	
	Plant operator	
	Grid operator	
	European Union	
	Distribution mechanism	



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Quota system (certificats verts)

Abbreviated form of legal source(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrêté du 30 novembre 2006 • Décret du 12 avril 2001 • AGW-OSP du 30 mars 2006 • Arrêté du 29 septembre 2011 • Décret du 18 juillet 2012
Contact Authority	CWAPE
Summary	<p>The Walloon government introduced the quota system to increase the proportion of renewable energy in total energy generation. In general, all renewable energy generation technologies except geothermal power plants are eligible under the quota system. In Wallonia, green certificates are allocated by the Walloon regulatory authority CWAPE. The number of certificates depends on the amount of electricity generated (in kWh); one certificate is issued for every MWh divided by the amount of CO₂ saved. There are several levels of CO₂ savings, which are set by CWAPE and depend on the renewable energy generation technology employed (Art. 38 Décret du 12 avril 2001).</p> <p>On 19 July 2012, the Walloon Parliament has adopted the introduction of a fee for RES-E producers operating installations with a capacity over 10 kW and applying for the allocation of green certificates (Art. 3, Décret du 18 juillet 2012). The amount of the fee is calculated per MWh on the basis of the total RES-E production eligible for the green certificates. According to the CWAPE, the fee amounts to €ct 47 per MWh for the year 2013. The amount of the fee for the year 2014 shall be published by the beginning of 2014.</p> <p>Please note: After the decision of the Walloon government to stop from 1 April 2013 the allocation of green certificates for PV installations of less than or equal to 10 kW as currently defined by the legislation, the Walloon government adopted on 12 September 2013 the support scheme Quali watt for photovoltaic installations up to 10 kWp. Quali watt is a guaranteed premium allocated by the distribution system operators, based on the amount of power produced. The date of the entry into force of the Quali watt system is however not known yet. Pending the entry into force of these regulatory changes, the processing of PV applications for green certificates by the Walloon Regulator CWAPE remains unchanged.</p> <p>Transition measures are foreseen for operators of PV installations having paid down at least 20% of their total investment costs during the period between 1 April 2013 and the date of entry into force of the new support scheme. This transitional support scheme grants during 10</p>



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	years 1.5 green certificates per MWh for installations up to 5 kWp and 1 green certificate per MWh for plants between 5 and 10 kWp.	
Eligible technologies	General information	In general, all renewable energy generation technologies except for geothermal power plants are eligible. Green certificates will be issued only if the installation has been awarded a certificate of origin (Art. 13, Arrêté du 30 novembre 2006). Green certificates have a validity of 5 years (Art. 16, Arrêté du 30 novembre 2006). Eligibility for green certificates ceases after 15 years. When the installation has received certificates for 10 years, the amount of certificates issued is reduced according to the so-called "k-factor". (see "Number of certificates according to technology").
	Wind energy	Eligible.
	Solar energy	<p>According to a decision of the Walloon government, the allocation of green certificates for PV installations of capacity less than or equal to 10 kW as currently defined by Art. 15 quater of the Decree of November 2006 was stopped from 1 April 2013. The Walloon government adopted in September 2013 a support scheme for photovoltaic installations up to 10 kWp called Quali watt, which is a guaranteed premium allocated by the distribution system operators, based on the amount of power produced. The date of the entry into force of the Quali watt system is however not known yet.</p> <p>The grant terms and conditions of the green certificates for installations up to 10 kWp are those in force to the date when at least 20 % of the total investment costs are paid. This applies only if the control body receives the application within 6 months after the payment of the 20 %.</p> <p>The grant terms and conditions of the green certificates for installations over 10 kWp are those in force at the time of the commissioning of the installation.</p>
	Geothermal energy	
	Biogas	Eligible.
	Hydro-power	Eligible.



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	Biomass	Eligible.
Amount	Amount of quota and period of application	<p>From 1 January 2010, the quota increase is as follows (Art. 25, Arrêté du 30 novembre 2006):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13.5 % in 2011 • 15.75 % in 2012 • 19.4 % in 2013 • 23.1 % in 2014 • 26.7 % in 2015 • 30.4 % in 2016 • 37.9 % in 2020 <p>The grid operators are obliged to purchase green certificates from the generators of electricity and submit them to CWaPE; otherwise they shall pay a fine.</p>
	Adjustment of quotas	The Walloon government analyses the green certificate market on a regular basis. CWaPE advises the Ministry of Energy on whether or not the quotas should be adjusted. The Walloon government then decides on whether or not to introduce new quotas (Art. 25, Arrêté du 30 novembre 2006).
	Number of certificates according to technology	<p>When the installation has received certificates for 10 years, the amount of certificates issued is reduced according to the so-called "k-factor". The "k-factor" is calculated according to several criteria, including the additional operating costs of the RES electricity production compared to conventional energy sources (Art. 15 Arrêté du 30 novembre 2006). The value of the "k-factor" to be applied to a certain installation is the one in force by the time it was granted its certificate of origin (Art. 15 Arrêté du 30 novembre 2006).</p> <p>Wind energy: The amount of green certificate is calculated on a case-by-case basis and depends on the size and type of plant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "k-factor": 100 % (Annex, Arrêté du 29 septembre 2011). <p>Solar energy: As at April 2013, two scenarios are possible until the entry into force of the new support</p>



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		<p>scheme:</p> <p><u>Operators of PV installations having paid at least 20 % of the total investment costs before 1 April 2013:</u> Photovoltaic generation for PV installations is eligible. The amount of green certificates attributed by the CWAPE is calculated on the basis of the produced green electricity (Art. 15 quater, Arrêté du 30 novembre 2006):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 green certificates per MWh for the first 5 kWp of installed capacity • 5 green certificates per MWh for the next 5 kWp of installed capacity • 4 green certificates per MWh for a further 240 kWp of installed capacity, if certain requirements are met (if not all of these requirements are complied with, only 1 green certificate per MWh will be issued). • 1 green certificate per MWh for an installed capacity of more than 250 kWp. <p><u>Operators of PV installations having paid at least 20 % of the total investment costs between 1 April 2013 and the date of entry into force of the new support scheme (Art. 15 quater, Arrêté du 30 novembre 2006):</u> Photovoltaic generation for PV installations is eligible. The CWAPE grants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.5 green certificates per MWh for installations up to 5 kWp • 1 green certificate per MWh for plants between 5 and 10 kWp. <p>For PV installations with a capacity up to 10 kWp, the applied k-factor is the one in force at the date when at least 20 % of the total investment costs are paid. For PV installations over 10 kWp, the applicable k factor is the one in force at the date of receipt of the certificate of origin.</p> <p>In general, the "k-factor" for PV installations corresponds to 0 % (Annex Arrêté du 29 septembre 2011). Since the k-factor is zero, the eligibility period for green certificates expires after 10 years. Only PV installations up to 10 kWp which received their certificate of origin before 1 December 2011 have a "k-factor" of 100%, which means that for these installations, the amount of certificates remains the same during 15 years.</p> <p>Biogas: The amount of green certificates is calculated on a case-by-case basis and depends on the size</p>
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		<p>and type of plant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "k-factor": 25 % to 100 %, depending on the size of the plant (Annex, Arrêté ministériel du 29 septembre 2011). <p>Hydropower: The amount of green certificates is calculated on a case-by-case basis and depends on the size and type of plant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "k-factor": 25 % to 100 %, depending on the size of the plant (Annex, Arrêté ministériel du 29 septembre 2011). <p>Biomass: The amount of green certificates is calculated on a case-by-case basis and depends on the size and type of plant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "k-factor": 25 % to 100 %, depending on the size of the plant (Annex, Arrêté ministériel du 29 septembre 2011).
	Minimum price per certificate	The minimum price per green certificate is € 65 (Art. 24 quinquies, Arrêté wallon du 30 mars 2006).
	Fees and penalty charges	If a grid operator does not meet its quota, it shall pay a fine of € 100 per missing certificate (Art. 30, Arrêté du 30 novembre 2006).
	Yearly Average Certificate Price	
Eligibility period		
International applicability	International certificate trade	The green certificates issued in EU Member States may be acknowledged by the Walloon region under certain conditions listed in article 28 of the decree of 30 November 2006.
	Flexibility Mechanism	
Addressees	The grid operators are obliged to meet the quotas set by law by purchasing green certificates from the generators of electricity and submit these certificates to the regulatory authority for authentication (Art. 25, Arrêté du 30 novembre 2006).	



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	The persons benefiting from this rule are the RES-electricity generators.	
Procedure	Process flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An operator of a renewable energy plant who would like to receive green certificates for his electricity shall file an application with the regulatory authority (for plants less than or equal to 10 kW) or with the grid operator (Art. 10, Arrêté du 30 novembre 2006). He/she shall obtain certification for his/her installation from an authorised body (Art. 6 bis, Arrêté du 30 novembre 2006). The Walloon regulatory authority, CWaPE, or the grid operator shall assess applications within 15 days after receipt and, if necessary, inform the applicant about missing documents and data (Art. 11, Arrêté du 30 novembre 2006). CWaPE (or the grid operator) shall, within one month of receipt of a complete application, inform the applicant on whether or not his/her installation will obtain certification (Art. 12, Arrêté du 30 novembre 2006). Every quarter, CWaPE allocates certificates of origin per MWh and green certificates according to the amount of electricity generated. On 1 December 2009, the allocation process for green certificates for plants less than or equal to 10 kW was simplified. Operators of these plants are entitled to the premature award of certificates (Art. 13, Arrêté du 30 novembre 2006). However, this does not apply for PV installations up to 10kW for which the date of entitlement to green certificates is after 8 July 2013 (Art. 13, Arrêté du 30 novembre 2006)..
	Competent authority	The Walloon Ministry of Energy decides on the allocation process for green certificates in Wallonia. The Walloon regulatory authority (CWaPE) awards green certificates to the operators of renewable energy plants (Art. 38, Décret du 12 avril 2001).
Distribution of costs	State	
	Consumers	As stated by the regulatory authority (CWaPE), in the end the consumers bear the costs via their electricity bills.



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	Plant operator	
	Grid operator	
	European Union	
	Distribution mechanism	



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Net-Metering (Mécanisme de compensation)

Abbreviated form of legal source(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrêté du 3 Mars 2011 • Arrêté du 30 novembre 2006 • Decret du 12 avril 2001 • Arrêté du 30 mars 2006 	
Contact Authority	Public Service of Wallonia - Department of Energy and Sustainable Building (DG04)	
Summary	In the Walloon region, small autoproducers of green electricity are entitled to benefit from a compensation mechanism for the difference between the amount of electricity taken from the grid and the amount of electricity fed into the grid (net-metering).	
Eligible technologies	General information	Autoproducers producing electricity through a renewable energy plant with a capacity of ≤ 10 kVA and connected to the distribution grid are eligible for net-metering, provided their installation has been certified and registered as a green electricity production plant by the CWaPE (Art. 153 § 4 Arrêté du 3 Mars 2011).
	Wind energy	Eligible
	Solar energy	Eligible
	Geothermal energy	Eligible
	Biogas	Eligible
	Hydro-power	Eligible
	Biomass	Eligible
Amount	The autoproducer benefits from the compensation mechanism for the period between two meter-readings (Art. 153 § 4 Arrêté du 3 Mars 2011). The compensation mechanism remains valid only during the technical life span of the installation (Art 24 bis	



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	Arrêté du 30 mars 2006).	
Addressees	All natural and legal persons producing electricity mainly for their own consumption (Art. 2, no 2 Decret du 12 avril 2001).	
Procedure	Process flow	The autoproducer shall inform in writing his distribution system operator of his will to benefit from the compensation mechanism (net-metering) (Art 6 bis Arrêté du 30 novembre 2006).
	Competent authority	The competent authority is the Distribution System Operator.
Flexibility Mechanism		
Distribution of costs	State	
	Consumers	As stated by the regulatory authority (CWaPE), in the end the consumers bear the costs via their electricity bills.
	Plant operator	
	Grid operator	
	European Union	
	Distribution mechanism	



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Grid issues

Overview

Overview of grid issues	<p>In Belgium, the three regions are competent for the distribution as well as for the local transmission of electricity via grids with a nominal output of maximum 70kV. This corresponds to low (up to 30 kV) and middle (30 to 70 kV) voltage.</p> <p>In the Walloon region, access of electricity from renewable energy sources is basically regulated by the Walloon grid code and by the regional electricity market decree. Electricity from renewable energy sources is given priority in both connection to and use of the grid.</p>
Connection to the grid	<p>According to the Walloon Energy Commission CWaPE, each application for a connection to the electricity distribution grid shall be submitted to the Distribution System Operator appointed to the area to which belongs the plant operator. Connection applications for installations with a capacity over 25 MVA shall be submitted to the Transmission System Operator Elia.</p>
Use of the grid	<p>The access to the grid is conditioned to the prior conclusion of an access agreement between the grid operator and the designated supplier of the plant operator.</p> <p>A grid access application shall be submitted by the designated supplier and approved by the grid operator before signing a grid access agreement (Art.125, Arrêté du 3 mars 2011).</p>
Grid expansion	<p>In general, the grid operator is obliged to undertake the necessary grid extensions on his grid in order to meet the grid connection demands. However, the RES plant operator does not have the right to claim for a grid expansion of the grid operator in case of insufficient grid connection capacities.</p>
Statutory provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrêté du 3 mars 2011 (Arrêté du 3 mars 2011 du Gouvernement wallon approuvant le règlement technique pour la gestion des réseaux de distribution d'électricité en Région wallonne et l'accès à ceux-ci - Decree of 3 March 2011 of the Walloon Government approving the grid code for the distribution grids in the Walloon region) • Décret du 12 avril 2001 (Décret du 12 avril 2001 relatif à l'organisation du marché régional de l'électricité - Decree of 12 April 2001 of the Walloon Government regarding the organization of the regional electricity market)



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Basic information on legal sources

Name of legal source (original language)	Arrêté du 3 mars 2011 du Gouvernement wallon approuvant le règlement technique pour la gestion des réseaux de distribution d'électricité en Région wallonne et l'accès à ceux-ci	Décret du 12 avril 2001 relatif à l'organisation du marché régional de l'électricité	
Full name			
Name (English)	Decree of 3 March 2011 of the Walloon Government approving the grid code for the distribution grids in the Walloon region	Decree of 12 April 2001 on the Organisation of the Regional Electricity Market	
Abbreviated form	Arrêté du 3 mars 2011	Décret du 12 avril 2001	
Entry into force	21.05.2011	11.05.2001	
Last amended on		19.12.2012	
Future amendments			
Purpose	This decree regulates the technical requirements of the grid	This decree implements the "European Directive on the	



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	connection, grid access and grid expansion.	Promotion of the Use of Energy from Renewable Sources" and the "European Directive concerning Common Rules for the Internal Market in Electricity" in the region of Wallonia.	
Relevance for renewable energy	This decree stipulates the priority given to renewable energy installations as regards grid connection.	This decree stipulates that the grid codes of the Walloon region shall give priority access to RES installations	
Link to full text of legal source (original language)	http://wallex.wallonie.be/index.php?doc=19977#FR_13535039	http://wallex.wallonie.be/index.php?doc=9075	
Link to full text of legal source (English)			



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Commission Wallonne pour l'Energie (CWaPE) - Walloon Energy Commission	http://www.cwape.be/		+ 32 81 33 08 10	



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Connection to the grid

Grid issues

Abbreviated form of legal sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrêté du 3 mars 2011 • Décret du 12 avril 2001 	
Contact Authority	Public Service of Wallonia - Department of Energy and Sustainable Building (DG04)	
Overview	<p>According to the Walloon Energy Commission CWaPE, each application for a connection to the electricity distribution grid shall be submitted to the Distribution System Operator appointed to the area to which belongs the plant operator. Connection applications for installations with a capacity over 25 MVA shall be submitted to the Transmission System Operator Elia. Each connection to the grid shall meet the technical requirements C2/112 and C1/107 of SYNERGRID (Art. 52 Arrêté du 3 mars 2011). Each natural or moral person has the right to apply for a grid connection (Art. 77 Arrêté du 3 mars 2011).</p>	
Procedure	Process flow	<p>Installations to be connected to the low voltage distribution grid: Each application for grid connection has to be done according to the procedure published by the grid operator on its website (Art. 94 Arrêté du 3 mars 2011).</p> <p>Installations to be connected to the middle voltage distribution grid: In order to enquire about the feasibility and the technical details of the grid connection of the installation, the applicant has the possibility to ask the grid operator for an “orientation study” (Art. 65 Arrêté du 3 mars 2011). However, before applying for an orientation study, the applicant can obtain a preliminary notice about the connection possibilities of the operator. Moreover, the application for a grid connection requires the realisation by the grid operator of a detailed study (étude de détail) paid for by the applicant (Art. 77 Arrêté du 3 mars 2011).</p>
	Deadlines	Installations to be connected to the low voltage distribution grid:



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum 10 working days after receipt of an application for grid connection and after having controlled whether the application is complete, the grid operator sends a grid regulation document informing about the technical and financial conditions of the grid connection as well as about the deadlines for the grid connection. For installations with a capacity between 10 and 56 kVA, the grid operator sends a grid connection proposal. The grid operator however has the possibility to postpone the latter by 10 days (Art. 94 Arrêté du 3 mars 2011). • For installations with a capacity greater than 56 kVA, the grid operator has the possibility to charge for a detailed study (Art. 94 Arrêté du 3 mars 2011). <p>Installations to be connected to the middle voltage distribution grid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum 15 working days after receipt of an application for an orientation study, the grid operator notifies his decision to the plant operator either by proposing a grid connection draft or by motivating his refusal to grid connection (Art. 71, Arrêté du 3 mars 2011). • Maximum 10 working days after receipt of an application for grid connection and after having controlled whether the application is complete, the grid operator sends an acknowledgment of receipt (Art. 80, Arrêté du 3 mars 2011). • Once the application is complete and the costs of the detailed study are paid, the grid operator reserves the grid uptake capacity for the applicant (Art. 80, Arrêté du 3 mars 2011). • Within 30 working days after receipt of a complete application and payment of the detailed study, the grid operator provides the plant operator with a “technical and financial grid connection proposal” (proposition technique et financière de raccordement) (Art. 82, Arrêté du 3 mars 2011). • Within 10 working days after the plant operator has accepted the technical and
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		<p>financial grid connection proposal, the grid operator provides him with a grid connection agreement (Art. 83, Arrêté du 3 mars 2011).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upon receipt of the signed grid connection agreement, the grid operator allocates the necessary grid uptake capacity to the plant operator (Art. 83, Arrêté du 3 mars 2011). • The deadline for the realisation of the grid connection depends on the agreement with regard on the possible grid reinforcements which need to be done (Art. 90 Arrêté du 3 mars 2011).
	Obligation to inform	<p>In general, there is no obligation of the grid operator to inform the plant operator. However, the Walloon grid code stipulates that in the case of installations to be connected on the low voltage grid, the grid operator shall send a grid regulation document informing about the technical and financial conditions of the grid connection (Art. 94 Arrêté du 3 mars 2011).</p>
Priority to renewable energy (qualitative criteria)	(X) Priority to renewable energy () Non-discrimination	<p>The distribution system operator shall give priority to installations using renewable energies. This applies to the orientation study as well as to the grid connection (Art. 72, 81 and 90 Arrêté du 3 mars 2011)</p>
Capacity limits (quantitative criteria)	<p>According to the Walloon Energy Department, there is no obligation of the grid operator to expand the grid in order to connect further installations in case of insufficient capacities of the grid. Moreover, the CWaPE informs that there is no compensation mechanism either.</p>	
Distribution of costs	State	
	Consumers	



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	Grid operator	
	Plant operator	The costs of the orientation study as well as the costs of the detailed study are borne by the applicant according to the prices given by the CWaPE (Art. 69 and 77, Arrêté du 3 mars 2011). Moreover, the Walloon Energy Department informs that the plant operator has to bear the costs of the grid connection to the first connection bay.
	European Union	
	Distribution mechanism	



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Use of the grid

Abbreviated form of legal sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Décret du 12 avril 2001 • Arrêté du 3 mars 2011 	
Contact Authority	Public Service of Wallonia - Department of Energy and Sustainable Building (DG04) CWAPE	
Overview	Before submitting a grid access application, the plant operator shall designate a supplier as well as an access responsible party (Art.122, Arrêté du 3 mars 2011). The access to the grid is conditioned to the prior conclusion of an access agreement between the grid operator and the designated supplier of the plant operator. Moreover, a grid access application shall be submitted by the designated supplier and approved by the grid operator before signing a grid access agreement (Art.125, Arrêté du 3 mars 2011). The grid operator has the right to refuse the access to the grid if he does not dispose of the necessary grid capacity (Art. 133 Arrêté du 3 mars 2011).	
Procedure	Process flow	The procedure for the grid access application specifies the conditions under which a grid access can be granted (Art.126, Arrêté du 3 mars 2011).
	Deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within 5 working days after receipt of a grid access application, the grid operator shall communicate to the applicant whether the application is full (Art.128, Arrêté du 3 mars 2011).
	Obligation to inform	
Priority to renewable energy (qualitative criteria)	(X) Priority to renewable energy () Non-discrimination	According to the decree of 12 April 2001, the grid codes of the Walloon region shall give priority access to RES installations (Art. 13 Décret du 12 avril 2001).



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<p>Curtailment</p>	<p>The Walloon grid code distinguishes between planned and non-planned grid access interruptions. In the first case, the grid code stipulates that the grid operator has the right to interrupt the access to the grid of an installation only if the security, reliability or the efficiency of the grid is at stake (Art.134, Arrêté du 3 mars 2011). Regarding installations connected to the local transmission grid, the grid operator shall consult the plant operator first (Art.134, Arrêté du 3 mars 2011). In case of non-planned grid access interruptions, the grid operator shall keep the user informed about the nature and the reasons of the grid access interruption (Art.136, Arrêté du 3 mars 2011).</p> <p>In case of an emergency situation, the distribution grid operator shall follow the instructions of the local transmission grid operator, including instructions regarding the curtailment of installations (Art.150, Arrêté du 3 mars 2011). According to the Walloon Energy Department, no compensation is foreseen in case of curtailment.</p>	
<p>Distribution of costs</p>		
	<p>State</p>	
	<p>Consumers</p>	
	<p>Grid operator</p>	
	<p>Plant operator</p>	<p>In view of the fact that he uses the distribution grid, the plant operator shall bear the grid use costs as approved by the Walloon Energy Commission CWaPE (Art.133, Arrêté du 3 mars 2011).</p>
	<p>European Union</p>	
	<p>Distribution mechanism</p>	



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Grid expansion

Abbreviated form of legal source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Décret du 12 avril 2001 • Arrêté du 3 mars 2011 	
Contact Authority	Public Service of Wallonia - Department of Energy and Sustainable Building (DG04) CWAPE	
Overview	In general, the grid operator is obliged to undertake the necessary grid extensions on his grid in order to meet the grid connection demands (Art. 11, Décret du 12 avril 2001). However, the RES plant operator does not have the right to claim for a grid expansion of the grid operator in case of insufficient grid connection or grid access capacities. In case a grid expansion is needed for the grid connection of a plant operator, the latter has to bear the costs of the grid expansion, except if social buildings are concerned.	
Procedure	Process flow	
	Enforcement of claims	According to the federal transmission grid operator, there is no Belgian regulation enabling RES plant operators to ask grid operators for developing their grid in case of insufficient grid capacities of the latter.
	Deadlines	
	Obligation to inform	
Regulatory incentives for grid expansion and innovation	In Belgium, regional regulators do not have the competency to regulate tariffs and thus incentives for grid expansion and innovation. The federal regulator CREG is in charge of regulating grid tariffs.	
Distribution of costs		



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	State	
	Consumers	The costs of a grid expansion concerning installations in social buildings are borne by the grid operators (Art. 95 Arrêté du 3 mars 2011). The costs of the grid expansions undertaken by the grid operators are then borne by the consumers through their electricity bill.
	Grid operator	
	Plant operator	The costs of a grid expansion are to be borne by the plant operator, except if the extension concerns a building situated alongside public transmission lines or if the extension concerns social buildings. (Art. 95 Arrêté du 3 mars 2011).
	European Union	
	Distribution mechanism	
Grid studies	<p>Together with the Walloon Energy Commission CWaPE, the grid operators shall develop an adaptation plan in order to ensure the security and development of the grid. The adaptation plan shall assess the future capacity needs of the distribution and local transmission grids. Moreover, it shall describe the investment programme planned by the grid operators (Art. 15, Décret du 12 avril 2001).</p> <p>The adaptation plan of the Distribution System Operators shall cover a period of 3 years and shall be yearly adapted. The adaptation plan of the local transmission grid shall cover a period of 7 years and shall be adapted every 2 years. (Art. 15, Décret du 12 avril 2001).</p> <p>The adaptation plans are submitted to approbation of the Walloon Government (Art.28, Arrêté du 3 mars 2011).</p>	



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RES-H&C support schemes

Summary of support schemes

Overview	In the Walloon region, the generation of heat through renewable energy plants is promoted through a system of energy subsidies as well as through investment assistance for companies.
Summary of support schemes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subsidy (Primes énergie 2012 and 2013): Several energy subsidies are provided by the Walloon Region for the generation of heat from biomass, shallow geothermal energy and solar thermal energy plants as well as for CHP plants using biogas or biomass. • Subsidy (Aide à l'investissement): Within the bounds of its available budget, the Walloon Region provides investment assistance for companies which develop projects aiming at developing the sustainable use of energy, including investments in renewable energy plants. • Subsidy (UREBA): Within the bounds of its available budget, the Walloon region provides UREBA subsidies, which aim at supporting public bodies in their initiatives to reduce the energy consumption of their buildings. Projects using renewable energy sources are subsidised.
Technologies	The support schemes of the Walloon region promote the use of biogas and biomass CHP plants, biomass heating plants, aerothermal, geothermal as well as solar thermal installations.
Statutory provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrêté du 21 octobre 2010 (Arrêté du 21 octobre 2010 du Gouvernement wallon visant à octroyer une prime pour l'installation d'un chauffe-eau solaire - Decree of 21. October 2010 of the Walloon Government aiming at allocating a subsidy for the installation of solar water heaters) • Arrêté ministériel du 22 mars 2010 (Arrêté ministériel du 22 mars 2010 relatif aux modalités et à la procédure d'octroi des primes visant à favoriser l'utilisation rationnelle de l'énergie - Ministerial decree of 22 March 2010 regarding the granting conditions of the subsidies promoting the rational use of energy)



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Circulaire du 29 septembre 2006 (Circulaire du 29 septembre 2006 relative aux modalités d'application de l'arrêté du Gouvernement Wallon du 2 décembre 2004 - Circular of 29 September 2006 regarding the application conditions of the Decree of the Walloon Government)• Arrêté du 2 décembre 2004 (Arrêté du 2 décembre 2004 du Gouvernement Wallon portant exécution du décret du 11 mars 2004 relatif aux incitants destinés à favoriser la protection de l'environnement et l'utilisation durable de l'énergie - Decree of 2 December 2004 of the Walloon Government implementing the decree of the 11 March 2004 on the incentives aiming at the promotion of environmental protection and sustainable use of energy)• Décret du 11 mars 2004 (Décret du 11 mars 2004 relatif aux incitants destinés à favoriser la protection de l'environnement et l'utilisation durable de l'énergie - Decree of 11 March 2004 regarding the incentives aiming at the promotion of environmental protection and sustainable use of energy)• Arrêté du 28 mars 2013 (Arrêté du 28 mars 2013 du Gouvernement wallon relatif à l'octroi de subventions pour la réalisation d'études et de travaux visant l'amélioration de la performance énergétique des bâtiments (UREBA) - Decree of 28 March 2013 of the Walloon Government regarding the allocation of subsidies for projects aiming at improving the energy performance of their buildings).
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Basic information on legal sources

Name of legal source (original language)	Arrêté du 21 octobre 2010 du Gouvernement wallon visant à octroyer une prime pour l'installation d'un chauffe-eau solaire et abrogeant l'arrêté du Gouvernement wallon du 27 novembre 2003 visant à octroyer une prime pour l'installation d'un chauffe-eau solaire		Arrêté ministériel du 22 mars 2010 relatif aux modalités et à la procédure d'octroi des primes visant à favoriser l'utilisation rationnelle de l'énergie
Full name			
Name (English)	Decree of 21 October 2010 of the Walloon Government aiming at allocating a subsidy for the installation of solar water heaters		Ministerial decree of 22 March 2010 regarding the granting conditions of the subsidies promoting the rational use of energy
Abbreviated form	Arrêté du 21 octobre 2010		Arrêté ministériel du 22 mars 2010
Entry into force	01.01.2011		30.04.2010
Last amended on	29.04.2013		25.01.2013



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Future amendments			
Purpose			
Relevance for renewable energy	This decree partially implements Art. 13 of the European directive 2009/28/CE on renewable energies by regulating the allocation of a subsidy for the installation of solar water heaters.		This ministerial decree specifies the conditions for the allocation of the subsidy for the installation of renewable energy plants.
Link to full text of legal source (original language)	http://wallex.wallonie.be/index.php?doc=18579&rev=19556-17485		http://wallex.wallonie.be/index.php?doc=16958
Link to full text of legal source (English)			



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Name of legal source (original language)	Circulaire du 29 septembre 2006 relative aux modalités d'application de l'arrêté du Gouvernement Wallon du 2 décembre 2004 relatifs aux incitants destinés à favoriser la protection de l'environnement et l'utilisation durable de l'énergie	Arrêté du 2 décembre 2004 du Gouvernement Wallon portant exécution du décret du 11 mars 2004 relatif aux incitants destinés à favoriser la protection de l'environnement et l'utilisation durable de l'énergie	Décret du 11 mars 2004 relatif aux incitants destinés à favoriser la protection de l'environnement et l'utilisation durable de l'énergie
Full name			
Name (English)	Circular of 29 September 2006 regarding the application conditions of the Decree of the Walloon Government on the incentives aiming at the promotion of environmental protection and sustainable use of energy	Decree of 2 December 2004 of the Walloon Government implementing the decree of the 11 March 2004 on the incentives aiming at the promotion of environmental protection and sustainable use of energy	Decree of 11 March 2004 regarding the incentives aiming at the promotion of environmental protection and sustainable use of energy
Abbreviated form	Circulaire du 29 septembre 2006	Arrêté du 2 décembre 2004	Décret du 11 mars 2004
Entry into force	19.01.2007	01.10.2003	18.04.2004
Last amended on		26.08.2013	12.12.2008
Future amendments			



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Purpose			This decree introduces the investment assistance of the Walloon region for companies investing in environmental protection and sustainable energy projects
Relevance for renewable energy	This circular specifies the application conditions for the investment assistance for renewable energy projects	This decree regulates the investment assistance for renewable energy projects	These projects include renewable energy projects
Link to full text of legal source (original language)	http://wallex.wallonie.be/index.php?doc=3763&rev=3092-1780	http://wallex.wallonie.be/index.php?doc=3770&rev=3099-18124	http://wallex.wallonie.be/index.php?doc=3774&rev=3103-3436
Link to full text of legal source (English)			



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Name of legal source (original language)	Arrêté du 28 mars 2013 du Gouvernement wallon relatif à l'octroi de subventions aux personnes de droit public et aux organismes non commerciaux pour la réalisation d'études et de travaux visant l'amélioration de la performance énergétique des bâtiments (UREBA)		
Full name			
Name (English)	Decree of 28 March 2013 of the Walloon Government regarding the allocation of subsidies to legal persons governed by public law as well as non-commercial bodies for projects aiming at improving the energy performance of their buildings.		
Abbreviated form	Arrêté du 28 mars 2013		
Entry into force	29.04.2013		
Last amended on			



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Future amendments			
Purpose			
Relevance for renewable energy	Projects using renewable energy sources can be subsidised.		
Link to full text of legal source (original language)	http://wallex.wallonie.be/index.php?doc=25079		
Link to full text of legal source (English)			



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Commission Wallonne pour l'Energie (CWAPE) – Walloon Energy Commission	http://www.cwape.be/		+ 32 81 33 08 10	



Support schemes

Subsidy (primes Énergie 2012 and 2013)

Abbreviated form of legal source(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrêté du 21 octobre 2010 • Arrêté ministériel du 22 mars 2010 	
Contact Authority	Public Service of Wallonia - Department of Energy and Sustainable Building (DG04).	
Summary	Several energy subsidies are provided by the Walloon Region for the generation of heat from renewable energy plants. The energy subsidies were renewed for the year 2013 with the same conditions as for 2012.	
Eligible technologies	General information	The installation of heating plants through biomass, shallow geothermal energy (heat pumps) and solar thermal energy (solar water heaters) is eligible for the energy subsidies 2012. Moreover, CHP plants using biogas or biomass are also eligible.
	Aerothermal	
	Hydrothermal	
	Biogas	<p>The installation of biogas CHP plants is eligible under certain conditions, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The biogas CHP plant shall be installed in a building • The notification of acceptance of the Walloon Energy Commission (CWAPE) regarding the green certificates and the guarantees of origin shall be dated between 1 January and 31 December 2012 (Primes Énergie 2012) or between the 1 January and the 31 December 2013 (Primes Énergie



		<p>2013).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CHP plant shall be installed by a registered installer
	<p>Biomass</p>	<p>The installation of biomass heating plants is eligible under certain conditions, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The final invoice shall be dated between 1 January 2012 and 31 December 2012 (Primes Énergie 2012) or between the 1 January and the 31 December 2013 (Primes Énergie 2013). The plant shall be fully automated and shall meet the requirements of the European standard NBN EN 303-5 (Art. 21 §1 Arrêté ministériel du 22 mars 2010). The plant shall have a thermal efficiency of > 85 % according to the NBN EN 303-5 standard (Art. 21 §1 Arrêté ministériel du 22 mars 2010). The installation shall be fully undertaken by a registered installer (Art. 21 §3 Arrêté ministériel du 22 mars 2010). <p>The installation of biomass CHP plants is eligible under certain conditions, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The biomass CHP plant shall be installed in a building The notification of acceptance of the Walloon Energy Commission (CWAPE) regarding the green certificates and the guarantees of origin shall be dated between 1 January and 31 December 2012(Primes Énergie 2012) or between the 1 January and the 31 December 2013 (Primes Énergie 2013). The CHP plant shall be installed by a registered installer



	Geothermal energy	<p>The installation of heat pumps (shallow geothermal energy) can be supported under certain conditions regarding among others the deadline for the submission of the application, the coefficient of performance (COP) of the heat pump, the global thermal insulation level of the home or the registration of the installer. For an exhaustive description of the conditions, please refer to the website of the Public Service of the Walloon region at http://tinyurl.com/prime-pompe-chaaleur</p> <p>Please note: The granting conditions for this subsidy are updated each year. The current conditions for the year 2012 were renewed for the year 2013 and only concern the installation of heat pumps which received a planning permission before 1 May 2010.</p>
	Solar Thermal	<p>The installation of solar water heaters can be supported financially under certain conditions, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The solar collectors shall comply with the requirements of the relevant European standards (Art. 3 §1 Arrêté du 21 octobre 2010) • The installation shall meet several technical requirements concerning the minimum global performance level (Art. 3 §3 Arrêté du 21 octobre 2010) • The solar water heater shall be installed by a registered installer (Art. 3 §4 Arrêté du 21 octobre 2010) • The building shall meet several technical requirements concerning global performance as well as the global thermal insulation levels (Art. 4 Arrêté du 21 octobre 2010) <p>More specific technical requirements can be found on the Walloon</p>



		energy portal under: http://tinyurl.com/chauffe-eau-solaire
Amount	<p>Biogas and biomass CHP plant: The amount of the subsidy amounts to 20 % of the installation costs and cannot exceed € 15,000 (Art. 31 Arrêté ministériel du 22 mars 2010). In case the CHP installation is a central heating plant, the amount of the subsidy is increased by € 100 per meter of piping. This additional premium cannot exceed 50 % of the installation costs and is limited to € 100,000 per district heating.</p> <p>Biomass: Depending on the capacity of the installation, the subsidy amount is between € 1,750 for installations under 50 kW and € 10,700 for installations above 500 kW. Moreover, above 50 kW the subsidy is increased by € 8 to 35 per kW depending on the capacity of the installation (Art. 21 §1 Arrêté ministériel du 22 mars 2010).</p> <p>The amount of the subsidy for biomass heating plants cannot exceed 50 % of the total installation costs, with a maximum subsidy amount of € 15,000.</p> <p>Geothermal energy (for installations which received a planning permission before 1 May 2010):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • € 1,500 for the installation of a heat pump for the heating of a home (Art. 10 §2 Arrêté ministériel du 22 mars 2010). • Additional € 750 are allocated in case the heat pump also produces sanitary hot water according to the respective Requirements and Specifications (Art. 24. Arrêté ministériel du 22 mars 2010). <p>The amount of the subsidy cannot exceed the amount of the installation costs.</p> <p>Solar Thermal (for installations with a planning permission having an acknowledgment later than 30 April 2010):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For single-family residences: € 500 for installations with a 2-4 m² optical surface (a supplement of € 100 per additional m² is allocated). The total amount of the subsidy cannot exceed € 5,000 (Art. 4 § 2 Arrêté du 21 octobre 2010). • For flats: € 500 per individual installation with at least 2m² optical surface (the number of individual installations corresponding to the number of flats) (Art. 4 § 3 Arrêté du 21 octobre 2010) <p>It is possible to cumulate the subsidy with other means of financial support, as far as the total of the support does not</p>	



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	exceed 75 % of the investment cost (Art. 8 Arrêté du 21 octobre 2010)	
Addressees	All natural or legal persons (Art. 2 Arrêté du 21 octobre 2010; Art. 4 and 46 Arrêté ministériel du 22 mars 2010)	
Procedure	Process flow	<p>Biogas and biomass CHP plants: The applicant shall submit his application to the Walloon administration within 4 months following the notification of acceptance of the Walloon Energy Commission (CWAPE) regarding green certificates and guarantees of origin of the installation (Art. 33 Arrêté ministériel du 22 mars 2010).</p> <p>Biomass: In order to apply for the subsidy, the applicant must send the form to the Walloon administration within 4 months following the date of the final installation invoice.</p> <p>Geothermal energy: The procedure for the submission of the form to the Walloon administration differs whether the installation is carried out in a new single-family house or in other houses or flats.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New single-family house: the application shall be sent within 4 months following the issue of the certificate “Construire avec l’énergie” or the certificate “Habitation passive”. The issue of the certificate “Construire avec l’énergie” shall be dated between 1 January 2012 and 31 December 2012. • Other houses or flats: The application for the subsidy shall be submitted within 4 months following the date of the final installation invoice. Moreover, the final installation invoice shall be dated between 1 January 2012 and 31 December 2012. <p>Solar Thermal (for installations with a planning permission having an</p>



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		acknowledgment later than 30 April 2010): In order to apply for the subsidy, the applicant shall provide several documents to the Walloon administration within 4 months following the final notification of the Building Energy Performance (« déclaration PEB finale »)
	Competent authority	Public Service of Wallonia - Department of Energy and Sustainable Building (DG04).
Flexibility mechanism		
Distribution of costs	State	The energy subsidies are directly financed by the budget of the Walloon region.
	Consumers	
	Plant operator	
	Grid operator	
	European Union	
	Distribution mechanism	



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Subsidy (Aide à l'investissement)

Abbreviated form of legal source(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulaire du 29 septembre 2006 • Arrêté du 2 décembre 2004 • Décret du 11 mars 2004 	
Contact Authority	Public Service of Wallonia - Department of Energy and Sustainable Building (DG04).	
Summary	Within the bounds of its available budget, the Walloon Region provides investment assistance for companies which develop projects aiming at developing the sustainable use of energy, including investments in renewable energy plants.	
Eligible technologies	General information	Eligible are only investments in tangible and intangible assets. As far as renewable energy plants are concerned, equipment for biogas and biomass CHP plants, biomass heating plants as well as solar thermal installations are eligible.
	Aerothermal	
	Hydrothermal	
	Biogas	All devices for the production of heat and electricity through biogas CHP plants with an electrical power less than 10 kW are eligible (Art.9 §2 Arrêté du 2 décembre 2004). Some equipment is however subjected to acceptance of the Walloon Energy and Economy Administrations (Administrations de l'Energie et de l'Economie). For an exhaustive description please refer to the interpretative circular of 29 September 2006 (Circulaire du 29 septembre 2006).
	Biomass	All devices needed for heat production through biomass heating plants as well for heat and electricity production through biomass



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		<p>CHP plants are eligible, except for the following investments (Art.9 §2 Arrêté du 2 décembre 2004):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CHP plants with an electrical power over 5 MW using solid biomass - Large company investments in CHP plants with an electrical power over 1 MW using solid biomass - Company investments in CHP plants using liquid biomass <p>Some equipment is however subjected to acceptance of the Walloon Energy and Economy Administrations (Administrations de l'Energie et de l'Economie). For an exhaustive description please refer to the interpretative circular of 29 September 2006 (Circulaire du 29 septembre 2006).</p>
	Geothermal energy	
	Solar Thermal	<p>Following investments are eligible (Circulaire du 29 septembre 2006):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installed solar collectors • Integration devices for backup heating plants • Monitoring devices • Equipment certification • All other solar thermal devices needed for the production or use of heat, subjected to acceptance of the Walloon Energy and Economy Administrations (Administrations de l'Energie et de l'Economie)
Amount	<p>The investment costs eligible for the investment assistance shall amount to at least € 25,000 (Art. 7 §3 Arrêté du 2 décembre 2004).</p>	



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	<p>The subsidy is calculated on the basis of the additional costs borne by companies compared with the costs of conventional energy production plants with the same capacity.</p> <p>The amount of subsidy differs according to the company:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For small and medium companies: max 50 % of the investments costs can be supported. Moreover, the total amount of the subsidy cannot exceed € 1.5 million over 4 years (Art.9 §2 Arrêté du 2 décembre 2004). For large companies: max 20 % of the investments costs can be supported. However, if the company is located within a development zone, the amount can be increased by 5 % or 10 % according to the province (Art.9 §2 and 4 Arrêté du 2 décembre 2004). 	
Addressees	The entitled companies can be natural persons (shopkeepers, liberal professions), commercial companies as well as agricultural companies (Art. 4 Décret du 11 mars 2004).	
Procedure	Process flow	A preliminary form shall be submitted before the beginning of the investments. The beginning of the investments corresponds to the date of the first invoice. After the administration has acknowledged receipt of the preliminary form, the company shall submit its application within the following 6 months.
	Competent authority	Public Service of Wallonia - Department of Energy and Sustainable Building (DG04).
Flexibility mechanism	The investment assistance of the Walloon region can only be granted to companies having at least one operation office located in the Walloon region, and whose investment project is planned within the Walloon region (Art. 6 Décret du 11 mars 2004).	
Distribution of costs	State	The energy subsidies are directly financed by the budget of the Walloon region.



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	Plant operator	
	Grid operator	
	European Union	
	Distribution mechanism	



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Subsidy (Subventions UREBA)

Abbreviated form of legal source(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrêté du 28 mars 2013 	
Contact Authority	Public Service of Wallonia - Department of Energy and Sustainable Building (DG04).	
Summary	Within the bounds of its available budget, the Walloon region provides UREBA subsidies, which aim at supporting public bodies such as towns and provinces in their initiatives to reduce the energy consumption of their buildings. Projects using renewable energy sources are subsidised.	
Eligible technologies	General information	The material as well as the installation of renewable energy plants for the production of heat for the exclusive use of the building are eligible (Annexe 5, 1. Arrêté du 28 mars 2013). The minimum investment costs shall amount to at least € 2,500 (Art. 4 §2 Arrêté du 28 mars 2013). Moreover, the producer of heat from renewable energy installations engages to keep the administration informed of the energy consumption of the concerned building during 10 years (Art. 8 §3 Arrêté du 28 mars 2013).
	Aerothermal	Eligible under the condition that the heat pump does not produce cooling (Annex 5, Arrêté du 28 mars 2013).
	Hydrothermal	
	Biogas	Eligible, under the condition that the CHP plant allows a CO2 saving of at least 10 % in comparison with conventional electricity production installations (Annex 5, Arrêté du 28 mars 2013. Percentage according to the Walloon Department of Energy and Sustainable Building).



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	Biomass	Heat production through biomass heating plants as well through biomass CHP plants is eligible. The CHP plant shall allow a CO2 saving of at least 10 % in comparison with conventional electricity production installations (Annex 5, Arrêté du 28 mars 2013. Percentage according to the Walloon Department of Energy and Sustainable Building). Water heaters are also eligible, under the condition that their thermal performance is at least of 85% according to the standard NBN EN 303-5 (Annex 5, Arrêté du 28 mars 2013).
	Geothermal energy	Eligible under the condition that the heat pump does not produce cooling (Annex 5, Arrêté du 28 mars 2013).
	Solar Thermal	Eligible under several conditions, including (Annex 5, Arrêté du 28 mars 2013): - installations shall meet the requirements of the European standards - the installation of the solar thermal device shall be performed by a registered installer - the installation is equipped with a monitoring system allowing the calculation of its annual energetic performance
Amount	The subsidy amounts to 30 % of the investment costs (inc. VAT). However, in case the investments are subject to other support schemes accounting for over 40 % of the eligible amount of the UREBA subsidies, then the percentage is based on the share of investments which is not covered by the other subsidies. (Art. 4 §1, Arrêté du 28 mars 2013).	
Addressees	The entitled bodies are legal persons governed by public law as well as non-commercial bodies such as schools, hospitals, swimming pools etc. (Art. 2 Arrêté du 28 mars 2013)	



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Procedure	Process flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The applicant first submits his application form along with the required documents (Art. 7 Arrêté du 28 mars 2013). The administration notifies the applicant of the rejection of subsidy within 6 months after having acknowledged the application as complete (Art. 8 Arrêté du 28 mars 2013). No deadline is indicated regarding by when the administration has to send a notification of acceptance of subsidy. The installation has to be completed within 3 years after the notification of the acceptance of subsidy (Art. 10 Arrêté du 28 mars 2013). In order to receive the amount of the subsidy, the applicant shall send his payment request within 1 year following the installation of the renewable energy plant (Art. 10 Arrêté du 28 mars 2013).
	Competent authority	Public Service of Wallonia - Department of Energy and Sustainable Building (DG04).
Flexibility mechanism		
Distribution of costs	State	The UREBA subsidies are directly financed by the budget of the Walloon region.
	Consumers	
	Plant operator	
	Grid operator	



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	European Union	
	Distribution mechanism	



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Policies

Summary of policies

<p>Overview</p>	<p>The following policies aim at promoting the development, installation and usage of RES-installations: There are 2 training programmes for RES-installers, two different research, development and dissemination (RD&D) programmes, a building obligation for the use of renewable heating and a support scheme for the development of the RES-H infrastructure. Moreover, the Walloon government has developed a programme ensuring the exemplary role of public authorities. However, there is no regional certification programme for RES installations provided in the Walloon region.</p>
<p>Summary of policies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In general there are two types of training programmes for installers of RES-installations: First of all, the Walloon region has developed an action programme called SOLTHERM which aims at providing installers of solar water heaters with an accreditation by the Walloon Ministry. Moreover, installers of photovoltaic installations can follow a training programme acknowledged, however not accredited by the Walloon region. • As far as the exemplary role of public authorities is concerned, the Walloon region signed in February 2012 together with 41 partners several agreements within the frame of the Employment Energy Alliance, aiming at supporting the development of the sustainable energy and construction sectors in the region. • There are two types of Research, Development and Demonstration Programmes: The Walloon region provides financial support to companies (Avance récupérable en R&D) as well as to universities and research institutes (Aides à la recherche en énergie) willing to develop R&D projects. • As far as the RES-H building obligation is concerned, the Energy Performance for Buildings legislation obliges certain new buildings as well as existing buildings with a floor area greater than 1000 m² to install thermal solar collectors or any other installation allowing an energy saving at least equivalent to



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	<p>thermal solar collectors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerning the support of RES-H infrastructure, the Walloon region subsidises the connection to the heating network of a substation supplying residential buildings located in Wallonia (Installation et raccordement d'une sous-station à un réseau de chaleur).
Technologies	
Statutory provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrêté du 21 Octobre 2010 (Arrêté du 21 Octobre 2010 du Gouvernement wallon visant à octroyer une prime pour l'installation d'un chauffe-eau solaire - Decree of the Walloon Government aiming at allocating a subsidy for the installation of solar water heaters) • Arrêté du 18 juin 2009 (Arrêté du 18 juin 2009 du Gouvernement wallon relatif aux actes et travaux visés à l'article 84, §2, alinéa 2, du CWATUPE, à la composition des demandes de permis d'urbanisme et à la procédure applicable en matière de performance énergétique des bâtiments - Decree of 18 June 2009 of the Walloon Government regarding the construction permits and the procedure applicable for the energy performance of buildings as regulated in the CWAPE). • CWATUPE (Code Wallon de l'Aménagement du Territoire, de l'Urbanisme, du Patrimoine et de l'Energie (CWATUPE) - Walloon code for urbanism, territorial planning, patrimony and energy (CWATUPE)) • Arrêté ministériel du 22 mars 2010 (Arrêté ministériel du 22 mars 2010 relatif aux modalités et à la procédure d'octroi des primes visant à favoriser l'utilisation rationnelle de l'énergie - Ministerial decree of 22 March 2010 regarding the granting conditions of the subsidies promoting the rational use of energy) • Décret du 30 juillet 2008 (Décret du 30 juillet 2008 relatif au soutien de la recherche, du développement et de l'innovation en Wallonie - Decree of 30 July 2008 regarding the support of research, development and innovation in the Walloon region) • Arrêté du 27 juin 2013 (Arrêté du Gouvernement wallon du 27 juin 2013 mettant en place un système de certification des installateurs de systèmes de production d'énergie à partir de sources renouvelables et des professionnels des travaux liés à l'efficacité énergétique - Decree of the Walloon Government implementing a certification scheme for installers of renewable energy systems and professionals of the



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	energy efficiency sector)
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Basic information on legal sources

Name of legal source (original language)	Arrêté du 21 Octobre 2010 du Gouvernement wallon visant à octroyer une prime pour l'installation d'un chauffe-eau solaire et abrogeant l'arrêté du Gouvernement wallon du 27 novembre 2003 visant à octroyer une prime pour l'installation d'un chauffe-eau solaire	Arrêté du 18 juin 2009 du Gouvernement wallon relatif aux actes et travaux visés à l'article 84, §2, alinéa 2, du CWATUPE, à la composition des demandes de permis d'urbanisme et à la procédure applicable en matière de performance énergétique des bâtiments	Code Wallon de l'Aménagement du Territoire, de l'Urbanisme, du Patrimoine et de l'Energie (CWATUPE)
Full name			
Name (English)	Decree of the Walloon Government aiming at allocating a subsidy for the installation of solar water heaters	Decree of 18 June 2009 of the Walloon Government regarding the construction permits and the procedure applicable for the energy performance of buildings as regulated in the CWAPE.	Walloon code for urbanism, territorial planning, patrimony and energy (CWATUPE)
Abbreviated form	Arrêté du 21 Octobre 2010	Arrêté du 18 juin 2009	CWATUPE
Entry into force	01.01.2011	01.05.2010	29.05.1984
Last amended on	22.07.2013	27.08.2009	31.10.2013



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Future amendments			01.01.2014
Purpose			
Relevance for renewable energy	This decree regulates the accreditation of installers of solar water heaters.	This decree specifies the construction works, the construction permits as well the procedure applicable for the energy performance of buildings as defined in the CWATUPE.	This code introduces the obligation to install thermal solar collectors on buildings.
Link to full text of legal source (original language)	http://wallex.wallonie.be/index.php?doc=18579&rev=19556-17485	http://wallex.wallonie.be/index.php?doc=15274&rev=15871-9185	http://wallex.wallonie.be/index.php?doc=1423
Link to full text of legal source (English)			



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Name of legal source (original language)	Arrêté ministériel du 22 mars 2010 relatif aux modalités et à la procédure d'octroi des primes visant à favoriser l'utilisation rationnelle de l'énergie	Décret du 30 juillet 2008 relatif au soutien de la recherche, du développement et de l'innovation en Wallonie	Arrêté du Gouvernement wallon du 27 juin 2013 mettant en place un système de certification des installateurs de systèmes de production d'énergie à partir de sources renouvelables et des professionnels des travaux liés à l'efficacité énergétique
Full name			
Name (English)	Ministerial decree of 22 March 2010 regarding the granting conditions of the subsidies promoting the rational use of energy	Decree of 30 July 2008 regarding the support of research, development and innovation in the Walloon region	Decree of the Walloon Government implementing a certification scheme for installers of renewable energy systems and professionals of the energy efficiency sector
Abbreviated form	Arrêté ministériel du 22 mars 2010	Décret du 30 juillet 2008	Arrêté du 27 juin 2013
Entry into force	30.04.2010	29.07.2008	22.07.2013
Last amended on	25.01.2013	19.12.2012	
Future amendments			
Purpose	This decree specifies the granting conditions of the subsidies	This decree allows companies to benefit from an advance	The decree set out the conditions for the allocation of the certificate



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	promoting the rational use of energy.	amounting to up to 70 % of their investment costs for projects of applied research or technological development.	called “Qualiwall”.
Relevance for renewable energy	This ministerial decree specifies the conditions for the allocation of the subsidy for the installation of renewable energy plants.	Research and development projects in the field of renewable energy are also concerned by the advance.	The “Qualiwall” certificate is granted to installers of renewable energy systems and professionals of the energy efficiency sector.
Link to full text of legal source (original language)	http://wallex.wallonie.be/index.php?doc=16958	http://wallex.wallonie.be/index.php?doc=11217&rev=14595-13090	http://wallex.wallonie.be/index.php?doc=25617&rev=26894-17824
Link to full text of legal source (English)			



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Further information

Institution (name)	Website	Name of contact person (optional)	Telephone number (head office)	E-mail (optional)
Service Public de Wallonie (SPW) Direction Générale opérationnelle de l'Energie (DGO4) – Public Service of the Walloon region – Directorate General for Energy (DG04)	http://energie.wallonie.be		+ 32 81 48 63 11	
Service public de Wallonie - Direction générale opérationnelle de l'Economie, de l'Emploi & de la Recherche (DGO6) - Public Service of the Walloon region – Directorate General for Economy, Employment and Research (DGO6)	http://recherche-technologie.wallonie.be/		+32 81 33 40 79	



Policy categories

Training programmes for Installers (Qualiwall)

Abbreviated form of legal source(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrêté du 21 Octobre 2010 • Arrêté du 27 juin 2013
Sectors	<p>Heating and Cooling</p> <p>Electricity</p>
Contact authority	Public Service of the Walloon region – Directorate General for Energy (DG04)
Description	<p>Since July 2013 the certification scheme “Qualiwall” allows installers of renewable energy systems as well as professionals of the energy efficiency sector to be certified by the Walloon region. The certification is granted by an accredited inspection body and has a validity of 5 years (Art. 4-5, Arrêté du 27 juin 2013). The granting of a certification is subject to several requirements, including the obligation to follow a training programme followed by a final test (Art. 5, Arrêté du 27 juin 2013).</p> <p>Before the introduction of the “Qualiwall” certification scheme, installers of solar water heaters had the possibility to receive an accreditation from the Walloon Ministry within the framework of the action programme called SOLTHERM. The SOLTHERM accreditation is acknowledged as equivalent to the Qualiwall certificate. Installers holding a SOLTHERM accreditation may thus apply for the Qualiwall certificate without having to follow the training programme or pass the final test (Art. 12, Arrêté du 27 juin 2013).</p> <p>Under certain conditions, the costs of the training programmes can be borne through “training cheques” (chèques-formation de la région Wallonne) both by the Walloon region and by the installation company (for further information please refer to www.be.sodexo.com). The “training cheques” are intended for SMEs with maximum 250 workers (Full Time</p>



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	Equivalent) as well as for self-employed workers wishing to increase the effectiveness of their staff. Moreover, installers of photovoltaic installations can follow a training programme acknowledged, however not accredited by the Walloon region. According to the Walloon Region, two training centres are acknowledged by the Walloon Region: CEFORTEC and FOREM Mons.
Addressees	<p>The Qualiwall certification may be granted to installers of renewable energy systems, including (Art. 3, Arrêté du 27 juin 2013):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PV installations • solar heating installations for domestic hot water production; • combined solar thermal installations for domestic heating and hot water production • biomass installations with wood stove; • biomass installations for central heating; • heat pumps, • shallow geothermal installations; <p>Each natural person can submit an application for the granting of the Qualiwall certificate, provided he meets the conditions as determined in article 3 of the decree of 27 June 2013.</p>
Competent authority	The competent authorities are the Walloon Ministry of Energy and the Walloon Ministry of Professional Development (Art. 4, Arrêté du 27 juin 2013). The certificates are granted by accredited inspection bodies designated by the Ministry of Energy and the Ministry of Professional Development (Art. 8-9, Arrêté du 27 juin 2013).
Further information	<p>Training cheques:</p> <p>http://be.benefits-rewards.sodexo.com/fr/entreprises/cheque-formation</p> <p>http://emploi.wallonie.be/Emploi_Formation/Se_Former/cheques_formation.html</p> <p>Acknowledged training centres:</p>



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	www.cefortec.be www.formation-environnement.be	
Distribution of costs	State	The Walloon region finances €15 per hour and per training programme.
	Private Financing	The rest of the costs are borne by the installation company.
	European Union	
	Others	



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Certification Programmes for RES installations (name of means of promotion)

Abbreviated form of legal source(s)		
Sectors	Heating and Cooling	
Contact authority		
Description	There is no regional certification programme provided in the Walloon region. However, the region supports the organisation Quest for Quality, which delivers quality labels for heat pumps at national level. Please refer to the national profile for more information.	
Addressees		
Competent authority		
Further information	http://www.questforquality.be	
Distribution of costs	State	
	Industry	
	System Producers	
	European Union	



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	Others	
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Exemplary role of public authorities in accordance with Art. 13 Abs, 5 RES Directive (Alliance Emploi Environnement)

Abbreviated form of legal source(s)	
Sectors	Electricity Heating and Cooling
Contact authority	Public Service of the Walloon region – Directorate General for Energy (DG04)
Description	<p>Within the frame of the Employment Energy Alliance, the Walloon region (represented by the ministers in charge of sustainable development, of employment and of training matters as well as the Minister-President) signed in February 2012 together with 41 partners several agreements aiming at supporting the development of the sustainable energy and construction sectors in the region. In this regard, the Walloon region intends to play an exemplary role in the field of sustainable building renovation by assuring that all public buildings meet the requirements of defined norms. According to the Walloon ministry, schools, public housing or local districts buildings will be able to benefit from these programmes.</p> <p>Moreover, the Walloon region provides financial support for public bodies willing to reduce the energy performance of their buildings among others through the installation renewable energy installations. Please refer to the support schemes profiles for more information.</p>
Addressees	
Competent authority	
Further information	http://www.wallonie.be/fr/publications/plan-pluriannuel-de-la-1ere-alliance-emploi-environnement



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RD&D Policies (Avance récupérable en R&D et Aides à la recherche en énergie)

Abbreviated form of legal source(s)	Décret du 30 juillet 2008
Sectors	Electricity Heating and Cooling Transport
Contact authority	Public Service of the Walloon region – Directorate General for Energy (DG04) Public Service of the Walloon region – Directorate General for Economy, Employment and Research (DGO6)
Description	<p>The Walloon region provides financial support to companies as well as to universities and research institutes willing to develop R&D projects. Companies set up in the Walloon Region can benefit from an advance amounting of up to 70 % of their investment costs for projects of applied research or technological development (Art. 17, Décret du 30 juillet 2008). Universities and research institutes can benefit from calls for tenders published by the Department of Energy and Sustainable Building (DG04) and by the Department of Economy, Employment and Research (DGO6) of the Public Service of Wallonia.</p> <p>Moreover, the Walloon Energy Commission (CWAPE) has to undertake a yearly evaluation of the green certificates market as well as its provisions for the development of new installations within the next 5 years. Moreover, every three years the CWAPE has to deliver a detailed analysis of the technical and economic aspects of the several electricity sectors.</p>
Addressees	Universities and research institutes are eligible for the calls for tenders, whereas companies can apply both to the calls for tenders and to the liquidity advance.



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Competent authority	The Department of Energy and Sustainable Building (DG04) and the Department of Economy, Employment and Research (DG06) of the Public Service of Wallonia are responsible for the support schemes.
Further information	http://energie.wallonie.be/fr/aides-r-d-energie-en-wallonie.html?IDC=7409



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RES-H building obligations (Performance énergétique des bâtiments)

Abbreviated form of legal source(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CWATUPE • Arrêté du 18 juin 2009
Sectors	Heating and Cooling
Contact authority	Public Service of the Walloon region – Directorate General for Energy (DG04)
Description	<p>The Walloon legislation “EPB-Energetic Performance of Buildings” (PEB- Performance énergétique des bâtiments), which entered in force on 1 May 2010, implements the requirements of the European directive 2002/91/CE regarding the promotion of buildings’ energy performance.</p> <p>Art. 237/32 of the CWATUPE introduces the obligation for certain new buildings as well as existing buildings with a floor area greater than 1000 m² to install thermal solar collectors or any other installation allowing an energy saving at least equivalent to thermal solar collectors.</p>
Obligated entities	All new and existing buildings defined in article 237/9 and 237/10 which are subjected to construction permits shall follow the requirements of the “Energetic Performance of Buildings” (Art. 237/32, CWATUPE).
Competent authority	The competent authority is the Department of Energy and Sustainable Building (DG04) of the Public Service of Wallonia.
Further information	http://energie.wallonie.be/fr/appliquer-la-reglementation-wallonne-peb.html?IDC=7499
Obligation on regional level	



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Support of RES-H infrastructure (Installation et raccordement d'une sous-station à un réseau de chaleur)

Abbreviated form of legal source(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrêté ministériel du 22 mars 2010
Sectors	Heating and cooling
Contact authority	Public Service of the Walloon region – Directorate General for Energy (DG04)
Description	<p>Within the bounds of its available budget, the Walloon region subsidises the connection to the heating network of a substation supplying residential buildings located in Wallonia. These subsidies were renewed for the year 2013 with the same conditions as for 2012. The applicant shall submit the form along with its annex within 4 months following the date of the final invoice for the connection to the heating network, provided the latter was carried out between 1 January 2012 and 31 December 2012 (Energy subsidies 2012) or between 1 January 2013 and 31 December 2013 (Energy subsidies 2013).</p> <p>The subsidy amounts € 1,500 per connection of a substation to the heating network carried out by a contractor (Art. 29, Arrêté du 22 Mars 2010).</p>
Addressees	All natural or legal persons except public housing societies are eligible for this subsidy.
Competent authority	The competent authority is the Department of Energy and Sustainable Building (DG04) of the Public Service of Wallonia.
Further information	<p>http://energie.wallonie.be/fr/installation-et-raccordement-d-une-sous-station-a-un-reseau-de-chaleur-2012.html?IDC=6367&IDD=64336</p> <p>http://energie.wallonie.be/fr/installation-et-raccordement-d-une-sous-station-a-un-reseau-de-chaleur-2013.html?IDD=78621&IDC=6367</p>



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