

ACTIONS

- Lobby the Environment Ministry not to change the noise and visual pollution standards in the planning laws.
- Coordinate with the Finance and Economic Development ministries to encourage the EU to alter the EIA/SEA guidance in relation to renewable power generation.
- Develop more aggressive retro-fit targets for existing buildings to lower energy consumption.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Your primary policy aims are to lower GHG emissions and maintain a secure energy supply. The Government has agreed to a long-range strategy of a 100% renewable energy supply system by 2050. As part of that strategy, wind power generation needs to comprise 50% of the total electricity capacity by 2020. In addition, you have strong pressure from industrial groups, and the Ministries of Finance and Economic Development to make sure that economic development targets are met.





ACTIONS

- Work with industrial lobbies to pressure the Government to establish long-term agreements regarding subsidized wind power and lobby against subsidies for coal, gas, and oil.
- Use your connections with the Climate and Energy Ministry to fight the Environment Ministry's efforts to lower the noise threshold and alter visual pollution standards.
- Coordinate with local authorities and Economic Development Ministry to lobby other municipalities that may be opposed to large on-shore wind farms.

RESPONSIBILITIES

You have a global concern with a strong manufacturing, design, and service presence in the country, but you are concerned about possible changes in tariff structure for electricity generation as well as increasing competition from Chinese and Indian turbine manufacturers. Your primary aim is to maximize the share of wind power in the renewable and non-renewable energy mix and increase state subsidies for both producing turbines in a high-cost European country.





ACTIONS



- Establish a working group that seeks to resolve potential conflicts between the wind industry, affected residents and businesses, and the national Government.
- Work with the city council to make changes to the existing local plans in order to create difficulties in siting large turbines within municipal boundaries.
- Make changes in planning system to expedite and encourage rapid development of large wind farms in order to gain jobs and economic growth.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Your role is to try to find common ground between the demands for suitable building sites for the wind industry, the targets set by the Government for wind power generation capacity, the legal requirements of impact assessments, the local homeowners, NGOs and businesses concerned with the impacts of the large turbines, and, last but not least, all of the sustainable development goals including social equity, environmental protection, and economic development.



- File a lawsuit against the Government to force them to update the noise and visual pollution standards in existing legislation.
- Lobby the EU to become involved in resolving the disputes
- Pressure the Environment Ministry to amend the existing planning law, barring large turbines from land-based installations

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You are a national environmental protection organization that has historically been concerned with nature preservation and pollution control. The industrial scale of on- and offshore wind farms has alarmed your base of supporters, and created fractures within the organization between those who are in favor of more renewable power and those that are concerned about the impacts on water quality, biodiversity, noise and visual pollution in protected and rural areas of the country.



ACTIONS



- Write a letter to your parliamentarian, asking them to look into the issue.
- Organize a pressure group to stop the location of large turbines in your municipality.
- Attend the public hearing phase of the impact assessment hearing and file a formal protest.
- Complain to the local planning authorities that you do not wish to have these large turbines located so close to your house.

RESPONSIBILITIES

While you generally support the idea of renewable power, you have strong concerns about the size of the turbines (over 250 meters in diameter) so close to your house. The noise and visual impact will permanently alter the landscape and make it very difficult for you to continue living in your house. Additionally, you feel that your energy prices are already too high, and you do not want your bill to rise further.



ACTIONS



- Prioritize environmental concerns over economic interests and submit legislation to lower the allowable noise threshold.
- Work with the local planning authorities to develop a strategy to resolve the land use conflicts before larger wind farms are installed.
- Prioritize renewable power goals, and work to loosen the guiding legislation around environmental impacts related to wind farms.
- Lobby the Climate and Energy Ministry to change the structure of the subsidies, encouraging smaller, more distributed wind farms.

RESPONSIBILITIES

As the head of the Environment Ministry, you are responsible for ensuring that EIA and SEA procedures and plans are in compliance with national and EU legislation. You are also responsible for national legislative and regulatory guidance in the planning sector, which involves close coordination with local and regional planning authorities. Additionally, you are tasked with nature protection, including biodiversity, pollution, water, cultural, and historical preservation.

