

# In wider energy and environmental perspective

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## **Hellenic Small Hydropower Association**

- \* Established in 2010
  - 140 HSHA members, representing 70% of the total installed capacity of SHP in Greece
- \* Main objectives:
  - promotes the exploitation of the untapped water resource
  - substantiates the advantages and benefits of small hydropower
  - represents and defends the interests of the SHP market
- \* In action to:
  - increase the penetration of SHPPs in the national energy mix
  - help achieving the national targets

#### **Current status**

- \* 125 SHPPs in operation ~ 250 MW
- \* 25 SHPPs (~50 MW) with installation license (most of them under construction)
- \* 1.100 MW total with production license
- \* Target  $\rightarrow$  500 MW in 2030 and 1.000 MW in 2040

## Comparative advantages of SHP (versus other forms of RES and economic sectors)

- \* Higher energy efficiency
- \* Low cost energy
- \* Grid stabilization
- Helping increase penetration of unstable network technologies
- \* Large domestic added value
- \* Projects made by regionally Small and Medium Enterprises

- \* Long-life investments
- Multi-purpose projects (energy production, irrigation, water supply, flood protection, fire protection)
- \* Economic contributes to local communities
- SHPPs for overall management of water resources (hidden or treasure hydro)

## New Support Scheme For Greek Renewables: Law 4414/2016 August 2016

\* New support scheme for renewable energy (Law 4414/2016) compatible with the EU Guidelines on State aid for environmental protection and energy 2014 – 2020, approved by the European Commission.

### Latest rules applying to RES projects:

- \* Gradual integration and participation of RES and SHP projects in the electricity market on an optimal cost benefit basis for society
- \* Beneficiaries are subject to market obligations (settlement procedures) and standard balancing responsibilities, unless no liquid intra-day markets exist
- \* Operating aid in the form of a sliding Feed-In Premium ("FiP") and on the basis of competitive bidding processes

### **Especially for SHPPs:**

- \* Exemption of SHPPs from auctions till 2020 (due to HSHA actions and efforts)
- \* Projects with P<0,5 MW → FiT = 100 €/MWh
- \* Projects with P>0,5 MW → FiP = 100 €/MWh (P<3 MW) & 97 €/MWh (3MW<P≤15MW)
- \* Exemption of SHPPs in water networks up to 500 kW and all SHPPs belonging to Energy Communities up to 1 MW for net metering, from the need of production license