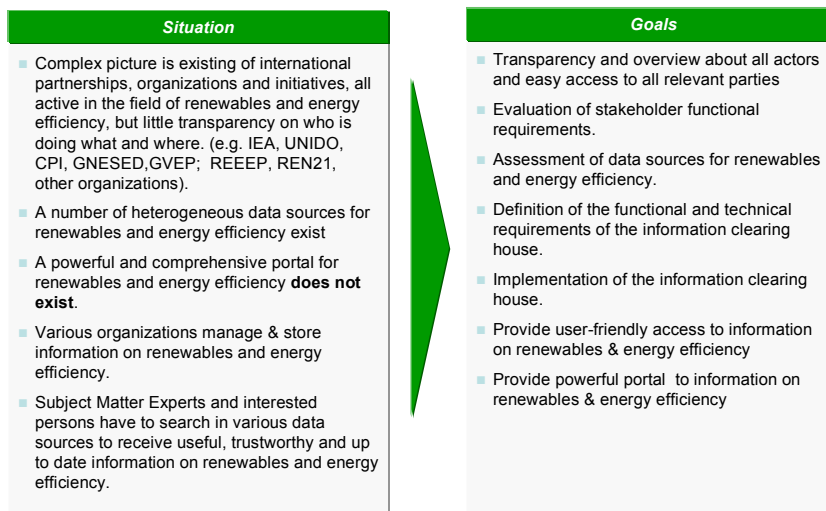


REN21 - REEEP INFORMATION CLEARINGHOUSE

Aim:

The aim of this joint project between REN21/REEEP is to implement an Internet based “Information Clearing House” (ICH) that provides easy access to high quality data on renewables, energy efficiency and relevant actors, helping users to save time and effort accessing information and facilitating better understanding of the roles and activities of the many different initiatives in existence. Additional features will enable users to give feedback on the quality and usefulness of the information gained via the Information Clearinghouse by way of a rating system.

REEEP and REN21 want to build a powerful Information Clearinghouse for renewables (& energy efficiency)



Structure:

The ICH will be designed to act as both a repository for data generated by REN21 and REEEP and as a portal to other relevant data sources, such as those held by IEA, JREC and other providers of relevant information.

The ICH will enable users to perform either an open search (as per most search engines) of the data, or to follow a structured path to find data in areas of interest.



Process:

The project will be implemented in a phased approach covering the whole course of necessary actions from design through to go live with clearly defined milestones. This is illustrated in the below figure. The focus of the initial design, build and data collection will be on renewable energy, with energy efficiency to be included at a later stage.

As a first step, following the conclusions of the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Financing and Policy Network Forum organized by the Worldbank on March 11 2005, an “actors catalogue” will be created; containing links to other partnerships, initiatives and organizations involved in renewable energy and energy efficiency, and information about the focus, geographical reach etc. of these partnerships/initiatives/organizations. This actors catalogue will be compatible with the design of the ICH. It is intended to supplement the actors catalogue with energy efficiency actors at a later date.

A prototype of the ICH with limited functionality shall hopefully be in place by mid November 2005 while the fully functioning ICH should be ready to launch in May 2006.

