

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Copy Editor for the Renewables 2023 Global Status Report

About REN21

REN21 is the only global community of renewable energy actors from science, governments, NGOs and industry. We provide up-to-date and peer-reviewed facts, figures and analysis of global developments in technology, policies and markets to decision makers. Our goal: encourage and enable them to shift to renewable energy – now. For more information, visit www.ren21.net.

Objective

REN21 is looking for a consultant(s) to act in a copy editor capacity for GSR 2023, who will work in close consultation with the REN21 Knowledge and Data Team, GSR module authors, and the designers.

Scope and Background of the Assignment

First released in 2005, REN21's *Renewables Global Status Report* (GSR) provides a comprehensive and timely overview of renewable energy market, industry, investment and policy developments worldwide. It enables policymakers, industry, investors and civil society to make informed decisions. The *Renewables Global Status Report* relies on up-to-date renewable energy data provided by an international network of hundreds of contributors, researchers, and authors. It is the most-referenced document on renewables worldwide. (For the latest edition of the GSR, see www.ren21.net/gsr.)

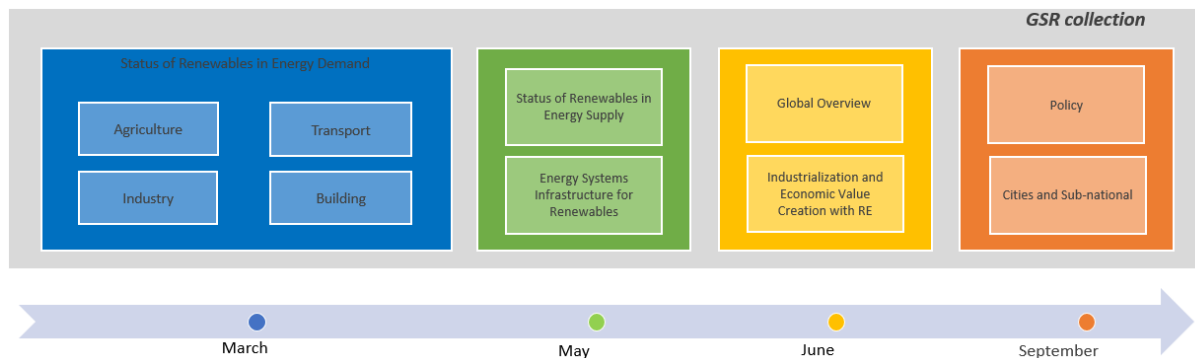
GSR 2023: Discover the new design and structure

The *Renewables Global Status Report* is shifting to now become the *Renewables Global Status Report* collection. Its essence, as a summary report remains the same, but now the report will have a renewed structure. The *Renewables Global Status Report* collection will be divided into a sequence of modules published throughout the year including:

- (1) Global Overview
- (2) Renewables in Energy Demand: Agriculture
- (3) Renewables in Energy Demand: Buildings
- (4) Renewables in Energy Demand: Industry
- (5) Renewables in Energy Demand: Transport
- (6) Renewables in Energy Supply
- (7) Energy Systems and Infrastructure for Renewables
- (8) Renewables for Economic and Social Value Creation

- (9) Special Feature: Policies in Focus
- (10) Special Feature: Cities in Focus

GSR Collection Structure and Timeline



Each module within the collection will cover the three key areas of renewable energy policy and targets, finance and investment, and market developments, in addition to providing an overview and case studies. The content of the GSR 2023 will be based primarily on data from 2022 (or, if unavailable, the latest available data). Each module will have an executive summary and, if relevant, supplementary sidebars, figures, tables and notes. ([For more information on how the GSR is changing/evolving, stay tuned for updates on the REN21 website.](#))

We are keeping the broad-spectrum sectoral and topical content of the Global Status Report which you know and are continuously contributing to. A Global Overview overarching module will describe and link the different modules to bring the overall vision of the global status of renewable deployment and trends. In addition to this you will find target and policy data, as well as investment and market development information in each module. As we have done in the past, there will be a separate document that contains a summary for policy makers on highlights of the GSR collection.

The GSR report is aimed to be modular and each module will be structured, as much as possible, as follows:

- Module Overview (Introduction and framing)
- *Targets and Policies (Topical Author scope)*
- *Investment (Topical Author scope)*
- Market developments
- Case studies (to ensure geographical coverage)

Each module author will be in charge of conducting research, authoring and developing the narrative to cover the module overview, the market developments and case studies. The author will be in close communication with the topical authors in charge of the targets and policies as well as investment and finance content (with the support of the GSR team) to include the content in the module.

The responsibilities of the contractor are described in the sections that follow.

Description of Required Tasks

The editor will roughly copy-edit early GSR module drafts to prepare the modules for a more efficient review of the content by the Research Direction Team and Special Advisors.

The editor will copy-edit the full GSR collection and supporting documents in a way that is consistent with earlier editions of the report. The result will be a clean and proof-read version that is ready for final layout work.

The draft report will be provided by the REN21 Secretariat for copy-editing.

The report should be copy-edited in English (British) and follow OECD style.

List of GSR Modules and sections

| GSR Modules | Pages* |
|--|--------------|
| Global Overview | 18 |
| Renewables in Energy Demand: Agriculture | 6 |
| Renewables in Energy Demand: Buildings | 12 |
| Renewables in Energy Demand: Industry | 11 |
| Renewables in Energy Demand: Transport | 12 |
| Renewables in Energy Supply | 56 |
| - Bioenergy | |
| - Hydrogen | |
| - Geothermal Power and Heat | |
| - Heat Pumps | |
| - Hydropower | |
| - Ocean Energy | |
| - Concentrating Solar Thermal Power (CSP) | |
| - Solar Photovoltaics (PV) | |
| - Solar Thermal Heating and Cooling | |
| - Wind Power | |
| Energy Systems and Infrastructure for Renewables | 6 |
| Renewables for Economic and Social Value Creation | 6 |
| Special feature: Cities in Focus | 10-15 |
| Special feature: Policies in Focus | 10-15 |
| Sidebars and Boxes | 4-6 |
| Executive summary | 6-8 |
| Front/back matter | 20-25 |

**Indicative chapter names and page numbers only; page numbers do not include associated reference tables or endnotes (see latest GSR at www.ren21.net/gsr)*

Qualification requirements of contractor

- Proven track record of knowledge about the renewable energy sector
- Capacity to conduct high quality research and ability to write coherently following GSR style
- Related work experience
- Proficiency in English
- Openness to the collaborative nature of the project

GSR Collection Tentative Timeline

Round 1: Status of Renewables in Energy Demand: Agriculture, Buildings, Industry and Transport

| What | By When (tentative) |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Outline preparation | Early October 2022 |
| Peer review outline | 10-23 October 2022 |
| Data Collection & Authoring | Early October – Mid-December |
| Peer review full draft | 2 - 15 January 2023 |
| Editing and design | Mid-January – end-January 2023 |
| Launch | Early March 2023 |

Round 2: Renewable Energy Supply and Energy Systems Infrastructure Modules

| What | By When (tentative) |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Outline preparation | November 2022 |
| Peer review outline | End-November – December 2022 |
| Data Collection & Authoring | November 2022 – March 2023 |
| Peer review full draft | End-March – April 2023 |
| Editing and design | April – early May 2023 |
| Launch | Mid-May 2023 |

Round 3: Global Overview and [Economic Value Creation] Modules

| What | By When (tentative) |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Outline preparation | November 2022 |
| Peer review outline | End-November – December 2022 |
| Data Collection & Authoring | November 2022 – March 2023 |
| Peer review full draft | End-March – April 2023 |
| Editing and design | April – early May 2023 |
| Launch | Mid-June 2023 |

Proposal Requirements

The submission should include:

- The contractor’s specific interest in the project
- A detailed resume of prospective editor(s), highlighting related work experience
- An overview of written reports covering similar scope and focus
- Proposed daily rate for carrying out the work
- VAT rate, or note that explains why VAT is not applicable

Key Selection Criteria

- Cost of the offer – 30%
- Quality of the offer – 70%
 - Relevant experience and references (60%)
 - Writing sample (30%)
 - Flexibility and timeline (10%)

Proposals should be emailed to secretariat@ren21.net. Please mention “CFP – Copy Editor – contractors name” in the subject line.

The **deadline date** for receipt of proposals is **31 October 2022, 23:00 (CEST)**.

All received proposals will be acknowledged but only short-listed candidates will be contacted.