

## **REPORTING ON LOW CARBON DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES**

### **UNDER ARTICLE 4 OF REGULATION (EU) No. 525/2013 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL (MONITORING MECHANISM REGULATION)**

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## Key details

1. Please indicate the name of your Member State:

Portugal

2. Please provide the link to the LCDS of your Member State:

[http://www.apambiente.pt/\\_zdata/DESTAQUES/2012/RNBC\\_COMPLETO\\_2050\\_V04.pdf](http://www.apambiente.pt/_zdata/DESTAQUES/2012/RNBC_COMPLETO_2050_V04.pdf)

3. If a link is not publicly available, please indicate the name of the LCDS, attach the LCDS and indicate in which manner the LCDS is made available to the public pursuant to Article 4(3) of Regulation (EU) No 525/2013:

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| Name of the LCDS   | Low Carbon Roadmap 2050 (RNBC)  |
| Title of the document attached   | Roteiro Nacional de Baixo Carbono 2050<br>( <a href="http://www.apambiente.pt/_zdata/DESTAQUES/2012/RNBC_COMPLETO_2050_V04.pdf">http://www.apambiente.pt/_zdata/DESTAQUES/2012/RNBC_COMPLETO_2050_V04.pdf</a> )   |
| Manner in which the LCDS is made available to the public pursuant to Article 4(3) of Regulation (EU) No 525/2013 | All documents and related annexes are available at the Portuguese Environment Agency website:<br>( <a href="http://www.apambiente.pt/index.php?ref=16&amp;subref=81&amp;sub2ref=117&amp;sub3ref=301">http://www.apambiente.pt/index.php?ref=16&amp;subref=81&amp;sub2ref=117&amp;sub3ref=301</a> ). |

4. Please indicate whether the LCDS includes information on LULUCF actions required by Article 10 of Decision No 529/2013/EU as a clearly identifiable part of the LCDS:

The Low Carbon Roadmap 2050 (RNBC) contains a specific section on LULUCF emissions and removals.

The National Climate Change Programme (PNAC) addressing mitigation policy (2020/2030) and the National Adaptation Strategy (2020) addressing adaptation policy are its final stages of elaboration and also contain specific chapters on Agriculture and Forests.

The recently adopted Rural Development Plan contains specific measures to promote sequestration, reduce emissions and promote energy efficiency in agriculture, grasslands and forestry.

A review of the National Forest Strategy has recently been adopted by the Council of Ministers and is awaiting publication in the official journal. This strategy identifies contributions from the forestry sector to climate change policies, both in mitigation and adaptation.

The NIR and CRF tables contain the information on past trends of emissions and removals in the sector.

5. Please provide any other information you wish regarding the LCDS:

The Low Carbon Roadmap 2050 (RNBC) was published in 2012 and its main goal is to study the technical and economic viability of Greenhouse Gases (GHG) emission reduction pathways up to 2050 consistent with EU overall objectives.

The Roadmap concludes that it is possible to achieve by 2050 emission reduction levels of 50% to 60% below 1990. And that all economic sectors have an emission reduction potential and can thus contribute to this endeavour.

Benefits identified from the pathways towards a low carbon economy include:

- Decrease of the energetic dependency;
- Savings in the commercial balance of energetic products;
- Developing green jobs;
- Research & Development;
- Improvements in public health.

The RNBC's process involved a deep participation of all stakeholders (public, private and citizens) of the Portuguese society including a public consultation period and public presentations and discussions of its findings and conclusions.

All other components referred on point 4 were or will be also subjected to a public consultation process.

**Status of implementation of the LCDS**

6. What is the status of implementation of the LCDS?

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| Legal status of the LCDS   | The RNBC has no legal status as it was not formally approved by Government. It was mandated by Council of Ministers Resolution n.º 93/2010 of 26 <sup>th</sup> of November. It currently stands as an overall long term guidance document for climate policy.   |
| Actions taken in the implementation of the LCDS (e.g. follow up legal measures, budgetary decisions) | <p>In order to prepare for the implementation of the 2020 climate and energy package, as well as integrating already elements from the 2030 package, Portugal has been preparing a revised climate change policy framework that will include a revised overall climate change strategy including both adaptation and mitigation, as well as addressing the issues of financing, reporting and monitoring, including a new National System for Policies and Measures and Projections, a revised National System for Inventories.</p> <p>The National Climate Change Programme (PNAC) addressing mitigation policy (2020/2030) and the National Adaptation Strategy (ENAAAC 2020) area also being revised to address new challenges.</p> <p>Additionally, a Government Green Growth Strategy is currently under public consultation which includes climate and energy targets up to 2030. These targets are picked up in the new climate policy framework (in particular under the new PNAC) ensuring consistency and preparing for implementation of policy goals.</p> |
| Any other information you consider relevant regarding the status of implementation of the LCDS       |   |

**Combination of report with the report on updates and progress**

6. Is the report on the status of implementation according to Article 4 MMR combined with the report on updates relevant to the LCDS and progress in implementing the strategies under Article 13(1) (b) of the Monitoring Mechanism Regulation and Article 21 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 749/2014)? Please tick the corresponding box:

YES

NO

7. If yes, please provide also following information:

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| The objective and a short description of the update carried out                               |  |
| The legal status of the update  |  |
| The changes and expected impacts of the update on the implementation of the LCDS              |  |
| The timeline for the implementation of the LCDS and of its update                             |  |
| A description of the progress for the implementation of the LCDS and of its update            |  |
| Where available, an assessment of the projected costs and benefits associated with the update |  |

Please provide information on any other element not covered above that you consider relevant:

Please note that if important updates or steps are expected between 9 January 2015 and 15 March 2015, an additional report covering these issues has to be submitted by 15 March 2015.