

## MONITORING NATIONAL ENERGY AND CLIMATE STRATEGY – SYSTEMATICS AND ACCESSIBILITY OF CLIMATE POLICY REPORTING IN FINLAND (12/2015)

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### Abstract

This project mapped out the key actors and their specific roles in climate policy reporting of Finland. The main results include firstly two diagrams exposing the links and the division of labour between the administrative levels and the considerable variety of research institutes and other experts' organisations involved in the reporting. Secondly, this report provides a list of recommendations concerning the development of the systematics of energy and climate policy monitoring in Finland. Furthermore, it lists some recommendations to improve the accessibility of climate change information for the multiple end-users active in climate policy. The results of the project are based on a literature review describing the development of the monitoring system and on a set of interviews of key persons/experts in the field who work at several ministries, research institutes and other expert organisations.

The aims and practices of the national climate policy reporting are deeply intertwined with international demands and requests (the UN and the EU). The national patterns of reporting have been mainly adjusted to requirements of the international reporting framework(s) in Finland, even though the reporting systematics aims to serve as efficiently as possible simultaneously the national energy and climate strategy. The sufficiency and effectiveness of the reporting, however, can be jeopardized due to the increasing demands of both comprehensiveness and the higher scientific quality of the information, as these demands tend to increase the complexity of the monitoring systematics. However, the reporting is claimed to be in good command so far and every actor seems to know their place and to perform the tasks assigned with high diligence. Presently, the problems in reporting are most often related to inadequate timing, additional requests and changes in the allocation of the tasks.

The recommendations of the Finnish Climate Panel can be summarized as follows: Firstly, the general accessibility of climate policy information should be enhanced with view of serving all parties active in energy and climate domain. In addition to adequate data on emissions, more information on the *policy impact* of the monitoring measures is urgently needed. Secondly, the highly complex reporting systematics need to be streamlined to enhance governability both at national and international levels. Thirdly, the methods and tools of reporting in both mitigation *and* adaptation need to be rigorously documented, and further the systematics of the national monitoring should be developed in a comprehensive way and performed in a cost effective manner.