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With respect to data available, there are at least two kinds of data that we would very much like to have:

- the real (recorded and best estimate of unrecorded wood consumption for energy, including estimate of domestic use). In France, for example, official stats refer to 3 or 4 million cum of wood for energy. ADEME states that in reality the fuelwood consumption in France is closer to 25 million cum. This shows the lack of knowledge and the discrepancy between official data and real statistics.
- another interesting data would be to know what is (in monetary terms) the ratio between incomes of energy plants coming from subsidies + other policy-driven incentives(investments aid, low rate loans, feed-in tariffs, green certificates, etc.) and the total turnover. This could give a better understanding of the amount of support granted to the RES sector.

I wish you a fruitful meeting and I am very much looking forward to the conclusions and a report of the meeting.

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