Proposal for an IEA-ETSAP funded project

Procedure for collaborative efforts between national TIMES and national CGE models

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Participating partners:

• Chalmers, Sweden
• New University of Lisbon, Portugal
• + possible 3rd partner
**Aim:**

The aim is to
- compare procedures for simplified interactions between users of TIMES and CGE models (at national levels).

The project builds on
- ongoing activities (and is designed as an add-on).

Further, the aim is to
- contribute to learning between different ETSAP teams being involved in such activities.

**Deliverables:**

Report with a
- detailed description of different approaches to softlinking of MARKAL/TIMES and a CGE model (at the national level),
- discussion of options and barriers.
Benefits for ETSAP:

Through facilitated interaction between MARKAL/TIMES and CGE:

• Increase the value of ETSAP models as decision support tool at the national level
• Contribute to \textit{NEW} collaborations between ETSAP partners
• Widening of the ETSAP networks through contact with CGE modelers

Relevance to the Annex XII topics:

In these times of financial and economic crises, when climate and sustainability policies are often presented as too costly as there are other pressing needs
• economic impacts of policy options must address the entire economy, and
• softlinking at the national level is important for improved decision support