TIMES and CGE Models – Moving towards best practice

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Context

ETSAP contracting parties and others currently developing a number of methodologies to improve the linking of energy systems models to economic models to

i) provide feedback to the economic drivers and

ii) to determine the economic impacts of different energy scenarios.

This work is largely taking place within individual countries in isolation.
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Objectives & Deliverables

*exchange views* on methodology, experiences with linking, *compare results* and *provide guidance* on best practice for other countries

This proposal comprises
i) a **workshop** in Cork on linking TIMES models with CGE models
ii) a **best practice guide** on linking TIMES models with CGE models

**Deliverables:**
- Workshop proceedings,
- Best practice guide on linking TIMES models with CGE models.

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Relevance to the Annex XII topics:

Proposal directly related to the Annex XII WP research topic

*The research will aim to associate CGE properties to MARKAL-TIMES models, either with the extension of the tools or the association to an existing economy wide model, in order to assess the full economic implications (in particular jobs and GDP) of an energy revolution*

also contributes directly to the WP goal of capacity building

*Best practice examples, manuals, online forum and hands-on training opportunities will be offered with the aim of maintaining/improving international/national capabilities for conducting energy systems analyses and the effective use of ETSAP tools.*
Timing and Costs

**TIME Schedule:** July 2013 – June 2014

i) Workshop in Cork in September / October (i.e. proceedings available prior to next ETSAP meeting).

ii) Best practice Guide completed prior to summer 2014 ETSAP meeting

**Costs:** Total €70,000

- €35,000 for workshop expenses;
- €35,000 for Best Practice Guide

Benefits to ETSAP

- **Collaboration** of at least 9 national teams on a key area of importance for the current work programme.
- Improved **understanding** on how to link ETSAP tools with CGE models.
- Workshop **proceedings** available on the ETSAP website.
- Best practice **guide** available on the ETSAP website.
- **Additional** ETSAP teams engaged in this linking activity.