

Country Briefs

- *Strategies and research towards LCS* -

Overview

Country Briefs – review documents of strategies and research towards low-carbon societies (LCS) in different countries – were prepared as background information of Second Annual Meeting of the International Research Network for Low Carbon Societies (LCS-RNet) held on 20-21 September 2010 in Berlin, Germany.

Purpose

The purpose of the Country Briefs was for mutual learning, to enable participants from different countries to exchange information on how the topic of transition towards LCS is viewed and organised in different countries. For the Berlin Meeting, scientific members of the network from four countries (Germany, Italy, Japan and the UK) and voluntary contributors from Canada, China and the US prepared Country Briefs including information on national activities and trends. They are not meant to reflect any official governmental position, but are reviews subject to the responsibility of the respective scientific author.

Focus and issues

The focuses of the Country Briefs are on LCS and long-term transition issues (which would make them different from 'ordinary' National Communications and other climate policy documents) as well as the institutionalisation and contents of a scientific discourse on LCS and/or related topics.

Following issues are covered by those Country Briefs

- National targets
 - Models and scenarios
 - Current status of national climate actions on LCS
 - Progresses of regional level action on LCS
 - Science, research, and policy
 - Challenges in national/regional level
 - International actions
 - Other LCS related issues
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