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Paul Metz • Did anyone study this report of Wuppertal Institute on Desertec and Algeria ?
http://www.wupperinst.org/en/projects/proj?projekt_id=347

It may add some useful suggestions.



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Paul van Son • Dear Paul, thank you for pointing at the report on Algeria drafted by the Wuppertal Institute. I always welcome such reports, since they tell us how researchers, in this case from Algeria and some German institutes see the world of renewables, in this case in Algeria.

Unfortunately the report claims that Dii "has announced that it would invest 400 bln and that the focus would be on export of electricity to Europe". This is really nonsense. Dii, at least from the start that the company has made in November 2009 has always underlined that it will create partnership with MENA and a framework for making use of renewable energy from the desert for the local markets and for the European markets. Dii will not invest itself, but it aims at creating business cases for the international industry. Evidently acceptance and win-wins are the basis of Dii's work. Hence the report of the Wuppertal Institute is not accurate on these points. As a matter of fact I have had several contacts with people of the Wuppertal Institute, but they seem not to be involved in the study based on the author list. That is a pity.

Anyway, Dii is always open to learn and it will stretch his hand to Algerian researchers and others. We are convinced that the long term development of many Wind, PV and CSP projects in the coming decades will get full support of all governments and people in MENA and EU.

Regards,
Paul