

**Client:** Federal Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry,  
Environment and Water Management  
in cooperation with Energie Stmk. AG

**Duration:** 2013 – ongoing

**Location:** Austria



Kommunkredit Public Consulting is in charge of monitoring the implementation of the Windpark Handalm run by the energy provider Energie Stmk. AG for the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Environment and Water Management.

Within the project a windpark consisting of 11 windmills with a nominal electric capacity of 33 MW will be constructed in the mountainous area of Deutschlandsberg (Styria, Austria) named Handalm. A funding volume of 11.3 million Euros was awarded by the European Commission through the NER 300 programme.

NER300 is a European Union programme endowed to stimulate investments in innovative energy technologies and carbon sequestration. The aim of NER 300 is to establish a demonstration programme comprising the best possible CCS and RES projects and involving all Member States. NER 300 is funded from the sale of 300 million emission allowances from the New Entrants' Reserve (NER) set up for the third phase of the EU emissions trading system (EU ETS). The funds from the sales are to be distributed to projects selected through two rounds of calls for proposals, covering 200 and 100 million allowances respectively. The New Entrants Reserve is administered by the European Commission DG CLIMA.

KPC monitors the status of project implementation and checks the eligibility according to the EU directive and the legally binding document. Monitoring includes the period before project implementation, while project implementation and the operation of the plant. Furthermore, energy production and the annual reports on which the payment of subsidies is based, are checked. In addition KPC will make the payment of the eligible subsidy to the applicant Energie Stmk. AG.