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Preface

The motivation behind this master thesis is the increasing attention and worry about the environment, which have emphasized the use of renewable energy technology as being essential to our children's society. Energy has become a vital part of policy agendas all over the world, and therefore energy matters are now more or less fully integrated in the field of economics. These aspects have triggered our interest which is why we decided to do our master thesis within the context of renewable energy sources. As a consequence, we started a process in order to recognize the specific subject we wanted to investigate. In this respect, we were to a great extent inspired by our supervisor Birgitte Gregersen to carry out an analysis of the Danish market for solar cells. With that idea in mind, we initiated research within the field that motivated us further, not least because we identified a great number of very interesting issues related to innovation and knowledge, which fits well into the MIKE context.

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introduction), while Mark to a certain extent is responsible for *cpt. 3* (The Innovation System Theory) and *cpt. 6* (Science, Technology and Innovation Policy).