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Project Fact Sheet

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SUSTAINABLE ENERGY INVESTMENT PROJECTS FOR LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (SEIPLED)

Programme area:	Integrated local approaches (Horizontal)
Status:	ongoing
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Website:	http://www.ecuba.it/seipled
Objective:	The SEIPLED general objective is to demonstrate that sustainable energy investment project plans can have positive impact on local development.
Benefits:	Six examples of fully developed regional sustainable energy plans producing local economic development.
Keywords:	Structural Funds, Local Development, Energy expenditure
Duration:	01/2006 –12 /2007
Budget:	€ 582,659.00 (EU contribution: 50%)
Contract number:	EIE-05-134



Short description

Six regional case studies are developed, where significant energy efficiency and renewable energy achievements are obtained in the frame of Structural Funds planning, or other regional funding instruments, dedicated to local economic development. These examples are presented to the regional bodies involved in local development, to the European energy agencies (as potential promoters of similar approaches at local level), and to about 100 selected contacts, who will monitor and react to the achieved results during the whole project duration and possibly replicate the approach in their region. The six regions and corresponding case study are: Austria, Styria: local

100% RES strategy; Germany, Berlin and Saxony: energy certificate for SMEs; Greece, Central Macedonia: geothermal applications in tourism and agriculture; Italy, Emilia-Romagna: sustainable energy in ecological productive areas; Lithuania, the whole State: biogas exploitation in agriculture; United Kingdom, Cornwall: sustainable buildings in new industrial settlements.

The case studies are fully developed, starting with the analysis of the regional economic and energy context, the energy policy objectives, the local development objectives, the available legislation and incentives, the target groups (public or private organisations), the economic and financial opportunities, the need for public support, the type of proposed aid scheme, the strategic environmental assessment and the procedures for implementing the aid scheme. The case study development is monitored by an Advisory Committee in each region, where all the relevant actors and authorities are involved. SOFENA participates as coordinator of dissemination activities, leading the partner efforts towards new Member States and Accession Countries.

Expected and/or achieved results

- N. 6 fully developed case studies.
- N. 6 strategic environmental assessments of the corresponding regional plans.
- N. 6 regional Advisory Committees involved in the development of new approaches where sustainable energy and local economic development are jointly considered.
- N. 100 contacts with external partners, 20 of which involved in replication.

Lessons learnt

Although the project has not been completed it is possible to draw the following preliminary useful indications:

- The Bologna Province, member of the Emilia-Romagna Advisory Committee, identified gaps in the implementation of the sustainable energy concepts in the existing land planning process: regional and provincial directives are not sufficiently transferred in the master plans at Municipal level, so tools for a better integration should be developed.
- The Saxon Certificate for Energy Performance in Industrial Sectors and respectively energy consultancy / energy check shall be introduced as binding condition for requesting subsidies.

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