

## Project Fact Sheet

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### SUSTAINABLE ENERGY INVESTMENT PROJECTS FOR LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (SEIPLD)

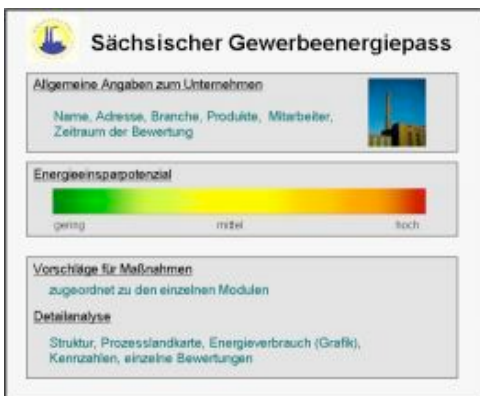
<b>Programme area:</b>	Integrated local approaches (Horizontal)
<b>Status:</b>	ongoing
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<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.ecuba.it/seiplied">http://www.ecuba.it/seiplied</a>
<b>Objective:</b>	The SEIPLD general objective is to demonstrate that sustainable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



#### 4 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;



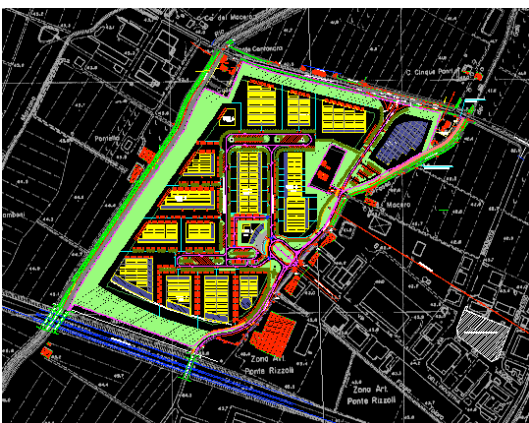
Saxon Energy Certificate

Greece, Central Macedonia: geothermal applications in tourism and agriculture;



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Italy, Emilia-Romagna: sustainable energy in ecological productive areas;



Lay-out of the new Ecologically designed productive area (APEA) of Ponte Rizzoli near Bologna, Italy

Lithuania, the whole State: biogas exploitation in agriculture;

United Kingdom, Cornwall: sustainable buildings in new industrial settlements.



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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.

## 5 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.

## 6 Lessons learnt

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

- The Saxon Certificate for Energy Performance in Industrial Sectors and respectively energy consultancy / energy check shall be introduced as binding condition for requesting subsidies.
- 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 involvement of local stakeholders characterises the planning process. The stakeholders are generally reluctant to take part in meetings of this kind. All the same, their participation has already been of importance, even if not always the participation was as expected. Many are still sceptic and instantly negative towards a global (sustainable) approach and see it as a chimera. Nevertheless successful meetings have been held and future perspectives are positive.
- Case studies: The analysis of the methodology report has urged the partners to a revision of the case study development plan and include socio-economic issues. Due to the very different approaches and regulatory, administrative and socio-economic parameters in the partner regions, it has not been feasible to systematically compare the policy tools and financial aid regimes, but through the synthetic format used to produce the individual reports, the guidelines produced allow a comprehensive and structured overview.
- The involvement of about 80 external contacts is tested as an innovative dissemination /replication tool in WP7. The feedback in general has not been very satisfactory. A change in strategy – direct approach - is agreed upon in order to provide feedback.

- The attempt to merge the methodology with financial aids report in common guidelines produces a very complex and long report, unsuitable for distribution by newsletter to the external contacts, as was foreseen. A shorter and more communicative version of the guidelines is therefore in preparation, for easier dissemination purpose.

## 5 LIST OF DELIVERABLES AND ANNEXES

- D1 Reports on Methodological Approaches (RMA);  
ANNEX D01.A1-A2 Common Synthesis Report WP2 (CSR1) and its explanatory note
- D2 Methodological National Reports (MNR), (<http://www.ecuba.it/seipled>);
- D3 Guidelines on Policies and Aid Regimes (GPA) - draft version;
  - D03.A1 - ANNEX 1 Reports on Policy Tools and Aids (PTA);
  - D03.A2 – ANNEX 2 Common Synthesis Report WP3 (CSR2);
  - D03.A3 - ANNEX 3 Summary Report of LEI (LSR).
- D5 Minutes of Advisory Group Meetings (MAG);
  - D05.A1 – ANNEX 1 Advisory Group Members List (AGL);
- D9 Website (<http://www.ecuba.it/seipled>)
- D12 Newsletters (NWL), also on line (<http://www.ecuba.it/seipled>)
  - D12.A1 – ANNEX 1 Active Contacts List (ACL)

1 CD's including the following documents:

Delivarebles as listed above, including the annexes.

Interim Progress Report – revised 240407