



## Project Fact Sheet

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### Promoting the use of Structural Funds and Cohesion Funds for energy investments in New Member States (PromoSCene)

<b>Programme area:</b>	Horizontal, financing mechanisms & incentives
<b>Status:</b>	ongoing
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<b>Objective:</b>	Supporting Managing Authorities to increase the number of energy projects financed through Structural & Cohesion Funds.
<b>Benefits:</b>	Effective communication channels between stakeholders, and sustainable contribution to cohesion policy and the Lisbon Agenda.
<b>Keywords:</b>	Structural & Cohesion Funds, Energy, Managing Authorities
<b>Duration:</b>	01/2007 – 08/2009
<b>Budget:</b>	€ 925,084 (EU contribution: 50%)
<b>Contract number:</b>	EIE/06/084/SI2.447301



#### Short description

Currently, few energy-related projects are financed through Structural and Cohesion Funds (SCF). Managing Authorities often lack awareness, know-how, and access to the energy sector when promoting and managing energy aspects under SCF.

PromoSCene supports the Managing Authorities of these funds in 5 target countries: Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Poland and Romania. The Managing Authorities are trained to better promote and manage the energy-related priorities of their Operational Programmes. Aim is to increase the SCF-financed investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency, and ultimately to foster cohesion in the European Union, while at the same time contributing to the Lisbon and Gothenburg goals. The purpose of the PromoSCene project is to make Managing Authorities aware, able, and willing to take into account energy aspects when promoting and managing Structural and Cohesion Funds.

During the project period (2007-2009), specific support tools are developed and various information seminars, trainings, and conferences are organised.

#### Expected and/or achieved results

- Ultimately, after completion the PromoSCene project must show a significant increase in SCF-financed projects related to energy efficiency and renewable energy. The share of energy-related projects is expected to be 15%

of the total budget for SCF over the entire programming period 2007-2013. One-third of this share is expected to be attained at the end of the PromoSCene project (mid-2009).

- PromoSCene uses national seminars and regional conferences to train managing authorities in the 5 target countries (BG, CZ, CY, PL, RO) so that they are aware, able and willing to successfully promote and manage energy-related aspects of their operational programmes. This is made explicit through the signing of Letters of Intent by 75% of the target group.
- PromoSCene gives all participants access to a vast pool of information and experience through a broad European network of experts, creating effective communication channels (national as well as international) between stakeholders in the fields of Structural Funds and energy.
- PromoSCene provides easy access to information regarding SCF programmes and SCF-financed projects related to renewable energy and energy efficiency for the 10 consortium countries, through the development of specific guidelines, a database, a website, and additional publications.

### **Lessons learnt**

This project has just started. It is therefore too early to draw lessons.