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Promoting Energy efficiency to Local Organisations
through dissemination Partnerships in Europe
Best Actions for Collaboration in Countries
for a High efficient Use of energy in Structural funds

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Good Practice Guides for Local Authorities - Czech and Slovak Republics and Romania - Romania (project supported by SAVE)

The Project allows an experienced exchange of information from Western European partners to Eastern European partners, concerning the energy management and energy efficiency for municipalities, by editing and disseminating a set of 11 Guides of good practice. We refer here only at the Romanian side

Target Groups	Sector	Field
- Local authority - Decision makers	- All sectors	- Information

ANALYSIS

BACKGROUND OF THE PROJECT

It is well known that energy efficiency in Romanian public services is very low, compared with the attained level of the developed countries within the European Union. The causes that generate this situation are also known: poor technical structure in the area, the lack of regulation to stimulate energy savings, low level of financing for rehabilitation and modernising the existing infrastructure, and often, the lack of a local energy policy and a low level of the local authorities knowledge concerning the energy management and energy efficiency.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

In the frame of SAVE II Program we participated in a Project, aiming to improve the above-described existing situation.

The aims of the project were:

allow an experienced exchange of information from western European partners to Eastern European Partners.

identify the key legal, institutional and management issues within Local Authorities in Romania.

re-draft the existing Irish Good Practice Guides to reflect Romanian local conditions.

translate the guides into Romanian.

disseminate information about the guides through a mixture of publications, seminars and workshops

The main Target group was: local authorities from 39 important Romanian municipalities, which are members of the national, network ORASE ENERGIE ROMANIA.

The results of the Project were mainly:

- a set of 11 Good Practice Guides tailored on local Romanian conditions,

- a series of completed seminars and workshops
- transfer of information and know-how to the relevant target groups (especially, local authorities)

Content of the Guides:

Guide no. 0: Summary

Guide no. 1: Development of a Sustainable Energy Policy

Guide no. 2: The Role of Public Representatives in Energy Efficiency Policy. Establishment of an Energy Committee.

Guide no. 3: Key Areas for Energy Savings

Guide no. 4: Energy Audits and Energy Surveys

Guide no. 5: Energy Data Collection Methods

Guide no. 6: Choosing Consultant for an Energy Audit

Guide no. 7: Financing for Energy Efficiency Projects

Guide no. 8: Management, Monitoring and Supervising Energy Audits

Guide no. 9: Energy Training and Awareness Methods for Staff

Guide no. 10: Dissemination of Results

COST AND BENEFITS

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The total initial budget of the Project from SAVE II, on Romanian side, was of 22.500 EURO, but finally 9.000 EURO had to be supported by Romanian partners.

Having an educational and awareness profile, the Project has not yet concrete benefits, as energy savings, CO2 emission avoided and cost reduction. But it is supposed to have an important impact on the energy management of the local authorities and therefore concrete energy and environmental benefits in the future.

After dissemination, we monitored the impact of the Project upon the cities by a set of questionnaires. The main successes we could mention are:

The setting up of a Local Energy Committee in several municipalities such as Sibiu, Turda, Targoviste, Ploiesti, and others;

Elaboration of an Energy Master Plan in several municipalities such as Baia-Mare, Iasi, Timisoara, Giurgiu, Turda, Targoviste, Ploiesti, Ramnicu-Valcea, etc.

PARTNERSHIP

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The co-ordinator of the Project was Enviros (UK). The main and very helpful foreign partner was Cork County Council.

In Romania, the main partner of the Project was ORASE ENERGIE ROMANIA - OER (Romanian Energy Cities Association) supported by TRAPEEC sa - an Expertise Company located in Bucharest. OER worked closely with local teams of experts from municipalities, members of the network.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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It is very important for the success of such a project to know, as well as possible, the existing level of knowledge of the target group members (local authorities representatives) and their expectations. It is also necessary to identify the key legal, institutional and management issues within local authorities. The existing experience of the Western European countries must be tailored on the local, especial condition.

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USEFUL INFORMATION

List of Publications

11 GOOD PRACTICE GUIDES FOR ROMANIAN LOCAL AUTHORITIES / [oer /](#) [s.c. MAVTIP s.r.l. Press /](#) [romanian / 2001](#)

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