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Summary Conclusions

Subject: First ManagEnergy Reflection Group meeting on 12 June 2002 in Centre Borschette, Brussels.

Present: attached list of attendants

The meeting focused on issues as follows:

1. Use of virtual managEnergy facilities, including media-conferences;
2. Implementation of new Community legislation and other tools;
3. Discussion and suggestions on the work programme on Intelligent Energy for Europe;
4. Criteria and methodology to identify and collect good practice;
5. Date for next meeting.

The meeting agreed on the importance in focusing on local energy and transport action in order to achieve Community objectives on security of energy supply and sustainable energy and environment. In this context, the approach of managEnergy to reinforce the co-operation between the Commission and actors working at local and regional levels, and the process to learn from existing good practice, was welcomed. It is important that local level actors can discuss and be informed in time about forthcoming Community legislation and other action. It is equally important for energy agencies and other actors to learn from each others' success and for the Commission to get feedback about what works at local level.

Conclusions:

1. Activities undertaken thus far by the managEnergy service provider and the web master were presented by Ms. Ann Segerborg-Fick and Mr. Jim Coombs. Additionally, Mr Goldman presented the lessons learnt from a media-conference organised by the Berlin Energy Agency in conjunction with the virtual Information-Day for SAVE and ATLENER Calls for Proposals 2002 (see <http://www.managenergy.net/virtual.html#feb02> and <http://www.managenergy.net/conference/pdfs/bea0202.pdf>). Finally, Mr. Savo from SCIC made a presentation on technological requirements in participating in Internet

screenings and Chats, as well as on how to organise media-conferences at local level (see on <http://scic.telemak.com/faq.html>).

It was concluded that the Reflection Group (RG) members would encourage their member agencies to further intensify the learning of the use of new technology necessary to participate in managEnergy virtual events by signing up for the forthcoming managEnergy workshops on Internet.

Given the good results from the media-conference organised by the Berlin Energy Agency, it was also agreed that a major objective be set in organising as many similar media-conferences as possible in conjunction with the second annual Conference on Local Energy Action on 28-29 November 2002.

In the Candidate Countries the OPET organisations and Commission delegations could play an important role in organising media-conferences for the benefit of their local actors.

On the basis of the results obtained the Commission will consider whether to broaden the use of new information technology, e.g. to activities such as inter-agency communication and exchange of experience necessary for European level co-operation, and the ways to finance this co-operation under the IEE programme.

2. New and forthcoming Community energy legislation and the role of local and regional energy management agencies in implement ing the Community energy policies at local level was discussed on the basis of a presentation made by Mr Hanreich. The presentation focused on the Directives on Energy Performance of Buildings, Promotion of Green Electricity from renewable energy sources and Promotion of bio-fuels and other alternative fuels for road transport.

It was concluded that managEnergy activities be based on the above existing and forthcoming Directives. The role of energy management agencies is very important in the implementation of these activities and in ensuring that the spirit of the future Directives in the implementation of local energy and transport actions is guaranteed from the very beginning of the proposal.

3. The Commission proposal to Intelligent Energy for Europe http://europa.eu.int/comm/energy/intelligent/index_en.html was discussed on the basis of a presentation made by Mr Molina.

It was concluded that once the draft work programme is produced the RG members and other stakeholders be consulted through managEnergy web. The Commission is looking forward to the comments of the energy management agencies, particularly those from the RG members.

4. Criteria and selection method for good practice cases was discussed on the basis of a proposal from STEM and the Commission.

It was concluded that good practice can be comprised of any activity that can be of benefit for local and regional energy agencies and other similar actors (including both ‘failures’ and ‘successes’). RG members will send their further comments within two weeks after the meeting, including those of their collaborators, if available. All case study descriptions will be displayed on the web site. The service provider will make a selection of a few good practice case studies ‘as test cases’ on the basis of the criteria (see attached) and propose them for the RG in its next meeting. The next RG meeting should provide the means to further refine the criteria and method for the selection of good practice.

5. Next meeting is planned to take place in conjunction with the second annual Conference on Local Energy Action on 28-29 November 2002, preferably on Wednesday 27 November.

Annexes: Criteria for good practice and list of presence

Criteria for good practice

‘Any activity or case study that can be useful for others to learn or improve their performance for the benefit of better achieving Community energy policies at local level can be called good practice.’

While recognising the above broad definition, it is useful to try to define what a good practice is. When defining a case or an activity as ‘good practice’, a number of underlying conditions leading to success need to be analysed and understood. It is important to understand and carefully describe why an activity has led to success in a given local setting. This will allow those who are interested in replicating the activity to decide whether the good practice could work in an other local context, as local and national conditions can vary strongly between different regions in Europe. ‘Replicable’ does not mean a mere copying of an activity but of an implementation of locally adapted strategy based on learning from a given good practice case.

The activity, or essential parts of it (policies, processes, project experiences, technology), should be possible to transfer to, or to replicate in, other parts of Europe providing as such with European added value. This implies that the activity need to coinciding with legal and policy recommendations of EU legislative authorities.

It is suggested that good practice be selected according to criteria as follows, and to be quantified, when applicable:

Energy effective

The activity should have resulted in energy savings and/or in energy produced from renewable energy sources in a definable short, medium or long term.

Environmentally benign

The outcomes of the activity should demonstrate actual or potential reduced greenhouse gases, and other benefits such as lower emissions, hither air quality, saving of natural resources in the local context.

Technically sound

The project should be based on technically viable and reliable solutions, with minimum technical risks (not research actions), and thus business based, which would allow an easy use of similar technical solutions elsewhere.

Economically viable

The activity should involve investment and maintenance costs, which are within reach of other parties interested in replicating the action and necessary investments. If the expenses involve subsidies, it must be clearly stated. Payback period should be stated taking into account the particular context (e.g. what payback period is relevant for the target group).

Socially and politically acceptable

The socio-economic benefits of the activity need to be described (e.g. – give examples).

Quality of approach

The approach and methodology in reaching desired results, including the quality of the partnership and dissemination plan, should demonstrate the sustainability of the action.

Selection procedure and method

All case studies will be displayed on the web. STEM will analyse them regularly, redraft them when necessary, and submit a proposal for good practice cases to the Commission. The managEnergy Reflection Group (MRG) would finally advise in the selection with possibility to modifications. Given the expertise of the MRG, it would also have the possibility to propose actions outside the initial proposal to be approved as good practice.

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