

## EnR WG on Central and Eastern European Countries

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## Aims

- Promote co-operation within the EnR and with relevant institutions from Western Balkans and the new neighbourhood of the European Union to use new financial instruments to implement EU Directives on energy efficiency and renewable energies.

## Main emphasis should be placed on:

- New financial instruments for RES and EE,
- The roles and common problems of national energy agencies and relevant institutions
- Adjustments to EU requirements
- Institutional capacity building and training
- Common problems/issues in NMS (New Member States) and FMS (Future Member States)

## Objectives

- Increasing the level of knowledge and experience of participants through common projects, seminars, exchange of information on:
- Use management of financial instruments
  - Increase of the efficiency of management procedures
  - Maximisation of funds used for EE and RES
  - Preparation of investment projects in the pipeline
  - Identification of barriers in using existing financial instruments in each country.

## Scope

- The scope of the Working Group are new financial schemes for EE and RES investments i.e.
- Structural and Cohesion Funds
- National co-financing including PPPs
- Carbon Funds
- Kyoto mechanisms
- ETS
- International Financing Schemes within IFI's
- ESCOs
- New EU framework Programmes
- Evaluation of rules for state aid.

## Plans for the Future

Long-term strategy (3-5 years)

- continue to promote co-operation with relevant institutions from Western Balkans and the new neighbourhood of the European Union to use new financial instruments to implement EU Directives on EE and RES
- establish closer contacts with decision makers on energy field on national levels, especially in the NMS and CC, with aim to promote the relevance of use of EE and RES



## Participants

- ADEME, France
- Austrian Energy Agency, Austria
- dena, Germany
- SenterNovem, The Netherlands
- STEM, Sweden
- CRES, Greece
- EEA (Energy Efficiency Agency), Bulgaria
- CEA (Czech Energy Agency), Czech Republic:
- REC, Estonia:
- Latvian Development Agency, Latvia:
- Lithuanian Energy Agency, Lithuania:
- KAPE, Poland
- ARCE, Romania:
- SEA (Slovak Energy Agency) Slovakia:
- AURE (Agency Efficient Use of Energy) Slovenia:
- EIHP, Croatia



## Strategic impact

The main output of co-operation is exchange of up to date information and experiences on topics of common interest:

- "National Government Strategies in the field of Kyoto-Protocol" (Sofia June 2003)
- Introduction of the Building Directive (Vienna January 2004)
- National strategies on implementation of the Directive 2001/77/EC on
- promotion of electricity from renewable energy sources (October 2004, Athens)
- Implementation of the EC Directive on Emission Trading (February 2005, Sweden)



## Joint Projects

- SAVE Project "PROCHP - Promoting CHP in the Framework of the East-West Energy Partnership", <http://www.prochp.com> (completed)
- SAVE Project "BEEP - Bankable Energy Efficiency Projects", <http://www.save-beep.org> (completed)
- SAVE-Project "Training of Local Authorities Experts on the Identification, Development and Implementation of Energy Efficiency Projects in Municipalities (ENEFMUN) <http://enefmun.net/> (ongoing)



## A new Project starts

- Project proposal for IEE with name "Promoting the use of Structural Funds and Cohesion Funds for energy investments in New Member States and Candidate Countries", PromoSCene, was submitted in the end of January 2006 and accepted by European Commission.



## PromoSCene

- *Promoting the use of Structural Funds and Cohesion Funds for energy investments in New Member States and Candidate Countries*

Aim:

PromoSCene aims at enhancing the use of structural funds (SF) and cohesion funds (CF) as financial mechanisms for investments in renewable energy sources and rational use of energy in new member states and candidate countries.



## One of potential impacts

- At the national level, communication within the network of essential stakeholders (e.g., fund managers, local project managers, national energy agencies, investors) creates a common understanding of the entanglement of energy investment and regional development.



## The target countries

- New Member states: Cyprus, Czech Republic, Poland,
- Candidate Countries: Bulgaria and Romania
- Another participating countries: Netherlands, France, Poland, Greece, Germany, Austria



## PromoSCene

- Duration - 32 months
- Budget - 1 090 000 EUR



## Added Value of PromoSCene

- for the EU as a whole is increased energy investments which in turn, contribute to reduction of EU energy dependency on third countries, and to the fight against climate change
- addressing the entire life-cycle of the energy projects financed with SF or CF, from the fund manager point of view
- target group is fund managers in NMS and CC



## Added Value of PromoSCene

- Other NMS and CC that want to profit from the knowledge and experience gained during the PromoSCene project can easily tap this information through the National Energy Agencies in the EnR Working Group on Central and Eastern European Countries (CEECE).



## Some proposals for the co-operation with the NEAs

- A workshop preparations - a constructive dialogue is a good beginning for the co-operation
- What can you, your Energy Agency, other Region/Local EAs in your country propose for this co-operation
- Do you have any questions to highlight on the planned workshop?



## More proposals for the co-operation

- Next EnR Full meeting is on 19-20<sup>th</sup> June in Bucharest, Romania
- Collect proposals/ideas from your regional/local networks and send them to Roman before 16<sup>th</sup> June
- Send a MERG representative to the next EnR Full meeting and present the ideas from the local level's point of view, with some concrete proposals to improve the co-operation (mutual benefits)