Cohesion Policy support for Sustainable Energy

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Solidarity in practice: The EU Cohesion Policy

2007-2013: **347 billion euro** invested for less well-off regions or citizens in infrastructure, business, environment and training of workers

- **Regional Fund**
- **Social Fund**
- **Cohesion fund**

Convergence objective: regions with GDP per capita under 75% of the EU average. 81.5% of the funds are spent on this objective.

Regional competitiveness and employment objective.
Background on Cohesion Policy (CP) and Sustainable Development (SD)

- **SD**: overarching long-term goal of the EU
- **CP**: a “place-based” policy, offering a unique opportunity to integrate key EU policies
- **CP**: specific procedures such as programming, integration, partnership - facilitating a comprehensive approach to meet regional needs
- **SD/CP**: about promoting a low carbon, knowledge-based and resource efficient economy
"Green economy" investments 2007-13

- Environmental Cohesion: €54 bn
- Low Carbon Economy: €48 bn
- Renewable Policy funds: €4.8 bn
- Energy Efficiency: €4.3 bn

= €105 bn
30% of Cohesion Policy funds
- 3 times more than in 2000-2006 (€37 bn)
CP allocations to Energy Sector

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2007-13 Total = €10.8 billion (3.1 % of total)
€9 billion sustainable energy. €1.8 billion traditional energies & interconnectors.
Allocations to Energy Sector as % of total CP allocations per MS 2007-2013

Source: Infoview 2009
Progress Energy priorities

Codes 33-43: €10,8 bn available
Average project selection 13,2% = 1,4 bn €
Slow progress – PL, IT, GR, RO, ES, HU, PT, BG, SK, SI, LV
Focus on sustainable energy

- Amendment ERDF Art. 7 – eligibility for RES & EE investments in housing (adopted May 2009).

- Allocation to EE and RES investments in residential sector cannot exceed 4% of the total ERDF allocation to the MS for 2007-13.

- MS shall define categories of eligible housing in national rules with objective of supporting social cohesion.

- No requirement to modify OPs.
EE Priorities

EU final energy consumption & potential for reduction by sector

Development of the final energy consumption by sector (EU-27)

Estimated energy consumption reduction potential in 2020

- Households and services
- Transport
- Industry

Mtoe

1500
1000
500
0

1990 2000 2006

39% 40% 41%
26% 31% 32%
34% 29% 28%

1990 2000 2006

1500 1000 500 0

Industry Transport Households, services

19% 15% 30%
More information / Applying for funding

Project examples:

List of managing authorities:

Practical Guide to EU funding opportunities for Research and Innovation: