



POWER Interregional Programme

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Specification

Theme 1

Energy Efficiency

Exploring ways of reducing the overall energy consumption of the partner regions through policy, regulation, promotion and incentives

Sub theme 1.1	Development and Delivery of Public Sector Energy Efficiency Strategies and Action Plans to support low carbon economies
Aims	To identify and promote replicable best practice for the public sector to lead on: (i) reducing energy consumption; (ii) improving energy efficiency; and (iii) reducing levels of greenhouse gases (GHG) as a direct contribution to developing a low carbon regional economy
Methodology	Projects will need to identify, articulate and promote evidence-based best practice which can be replicated across partner regions within strategies and action plans. They will need to identify and quantify targets for reducing energy consumption, improving energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gases. They will also need to identify the direct economic benefits.
Projects size	Recommended project size (ERDF + match funding combined): from €150 000 to €350,000
Maximum duration of project	First call: July 2009 – September 2011 Second call: March 2010 – September 2011
Geographical coverage	Minimum of 3 partner regions per project. Matching less experienced regions with more advanced regions.
Suggested delivery organisations/ Partners	Regional and local authorities, public bodies, universities, energy networks, business support agencies, technology networks, voluntary and not for profit organisations, local and regional environmental and energy agencies, enterprise clusters, estate management associations, educational and awareness centres for energy efficiency/renewable energy.
Target groups and end users	Public sector bodies, citizens, businesses.



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Equalities and Diversity	Projects must demonstrate that the project is accessible to all; ensuring people are not excluded because of their gender, race, age, religion/belief, disability or sexual orientation.
Avoiding duplication	Projects must demonstrate how the support to beneficiaries will enhance the existing publicly funded provision, thus avoiding duplication.
Legacy	Projects must describe their exit strategy and endeavour to provide a sustainable legacy in the regions from this activity once the current funding ceases.
Potential Outputs and Outcomes to be achieved:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Identification, development, promotion and application of best practice; (ii) Application through an operational strategy & action plan for reducing energy use, improving energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gases, while delivering economic benefit; (iii) Engagement of key stakeholders in development and delivery; <p>Projects could also link with related projects under Theme 5: Behaviour Change</p>	
Indicators	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Potential Reduction in energy consumption and improvements in energy efficiency; (ii) Potential for Substitution of high-carbon energy supply with low/zero-carbon energy supplies; (iii) Potential/Actual Reduction in CO₂: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) production-based (measurable/can be calculated); (b) consumption-based (can be calculated) (iv) Financial saving (in euros) 	
Potential Results to work towards:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Clear demonstration of the benefits of a comprehensive integrated approach to reducing carbon/energy use; (ii) roll-out strategy/action plan approach over a wider geographical area/to other organisations; (iii) assisting all partner regions in their contribution to EU Energy & Climate Change/carbon reduction targets. ; 	