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Oggetto: Programma "Intelligent Energy Europe" - Bando 2011

Richiamo l'attenzione delle Autorità in indirizzo sul fatto che è stato pubblicato il nuovo invito a presentare proposte per ricevere finanziamenti nell'ambito del programma "Intelligent Energy Europe" (IEE).

Il programma IEE 2007-2013 rientra nel Programma Quadro per la Competitività e l'Innovazione dell'Unione Europea ed è gestito dall'Agenzia Esecutiva per la Competitività e l'Innovazione per conto della Commissione.

Il bando pubblicato a gennaio 2011 ("*Mobilising local energy investments*") può sostenere l'assistenza tecnica necessaria alla preparazione, da parte di amministrazioni locali e regionali, di progetti sui temi dell'energia sostenibile che, alle pertinenti condizioni di ammissibilità, potrebbero essere finanziati nell'ambito dei Programmi Operativi FESR.

Segnalo inoltre che la scadenza per la presentazione delle proposte è il 12 maggio 2011.

Informazioni complete e contatti sono disponibili sul sito:
<http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/>

Si trasmettono in allegato due schede, una relativa al nuovo bando 2011, l'altra relativa a progetti collegati all'uso di fondi strutturali finanziati in passato dal programma IEE.

Allegati: 1. Scheda sul bando 2011
2. Scheda su progetti finanziati in passato

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ALLEGATO 1
SCHEDA SUL BANDO 2011

**IEE PROVIDES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL OR REGIONAL PUBLIC
AUTHORITIES FOR LAUNCHING SUSTAINABLE ENERGY INVESTMENTS**

1.1. The need: bankability of smaller scale investment projects by local authorities

One of the biggest challenges especially for small and medium-sized authorities is to prepare sustainable energy projects which are big enough to be considered 'bankable' by financing institutions and/or suitable for grant funding by EU financing facilities such as the cohesion or structural funds.

1.2. Grants for technical assistance (TA)

"Mobilising Local Energy Investments" provides grants of up to 75% of the costs incurred by public authorities for technical assistance (TA) to prepare, mobilise financing, and launch investments in sustainable energy projects. Proposing authorities may work together with financial institutions and/or ESCOs or other relevant stakeholders. Grants will be awarded for a period of up to three years, during which time the proposed investments must be launched and tenders issued for construction/implementation.

1.3. What kind of investment projects?

The TA will prioritise sustainable energy investment projects in the following *target sectors*: public and private buildings, social housing, street and traffic lighting, urban transport and local energy infrastructure. Support for financial intermediaries and the following sectors are *excluded*: stand alone renewables, long distance transport infra-structure, industrial facilities. The supported projects must deliver concrete, measurable results in terms of energy saved, RES supply increased, GHG reduced, and/or local jobs created. The technical assistance (TA) will complement other EU financing instruments such as the ELENA Facilities. Grants will not contribute to hardware investment costs.

1.4. Budget and scale of the technical assistance

Proposals must involve minimum technical assistance costs of EUR 400 000, leading to a minimum investment of EUR 6 million, and must achieve a leverage factor of at least 15 (each Euro for technical assistance must lead to investment of at least EUR 15). Duration of technical assistance is 36 months (max).

1.5. Who should apply?

The TA addresses individual public authorities (municipalities, cities, provinces, regions) or groupings of neighbouring authorities preferably representing a combined population of more than 200,000 inhabitants.

Proposals may be submitted by one or more local or regional public authorities based in a single IEE participating country (EU27, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Croatia) or in more than one country. Groups of public authorities must be neighbouring, located in one clearly defined geographical area.

Proposers must submit detailed plans for their technical assistance activities and for their investment projects (draft designs and plans, cost estimates, etc), preferably from their Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAP or equivalent), and must have secured a political commitment to invest in their projects.

1.6. How to apply ?

Applicants for technical assistance must submit proposals to the IEE Call for proposals 2011.

1.7. When? Deadline for submission: 12th May 2011

For more information, please consult the IEE Call and Workprogramme 2011 and the guidelines for proposers: <http://ec.europa.eu/intelligentenergy>

ALLEGATO 2
SCHEMA SUI PROGETTI FINANZIATI IN PASSATO

INTELLIGENT ENERGY EUROPE – IEE

Intelligent Energy Europe (IEE) is a part of the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP), focused specifically on energy efficiency and renewable energy

Under the IEE programme, several projects have contributed to stimulate investment of Cohesion Policy Funds in quality energy projects:

- Running during **2006-2008**, Energy 4 Cohesion demonstrated best practice in eight target regions by the design of Master Plans that aimed at the implementation of RES & rational use of energy projects in selected regions in Belgium, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Slovakia. Eight detailed Master Plans were produced, comprising 31 energy actions (primarily on biomass) with a total potential investment sum of around EUR 60 million, and guidelines for bundling decentralised energy actions were published.
- Running during **2007-2009**, PromoSCene promoted the use of Cohesion Policy Funds for sustainable energy investments among partners in five new Member States: **Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Poland and Romania**. The Managing Authorities were trained to better promote and manage the energy-related priorities of their Operational Programmes. The aim was to increase the investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency co-financed by the Structural and Cohesion Funds. The purpose of the PromoSCene project was to make Managing Authorities aware, able, and willing to take into account energy aspects when promoting and managing Structural and Cohesion Funds, and specific support tools were developed and various information seminars, trainings, and conferences were organised.
- This project was followed by SF-ENERGY INVEST, 2010-2012, including partners from nine Member States: **Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Germany, the Netherlands and Portugal**. The SF-Energy Invest project is set-up to tackle barriers identified in previous projects, with the aim to increase the share of Structural and Cohesion Funds that is spent on sustainable energy within the final phase of the programming period 2007-2013. Target groups include the potential beneficiaries under energy-related Operational Programmes, in particular municipalities participating in the Covenant of Mayors. Also, the Managing Authorities of the Structural and Cohesion Funds play an important role, as well as other stakeholders such as banks. On the one hand the project will provide practical support in the development of SCF project proposals in pilot regions and on the other hand will increase awareness through EU mobilisation campaigns. In addition, the project will identify recommendations for the upcoming SCF programming period 2014-2020.