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# Support to Energy Efficiency Investments with CEI Programmes

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# The Central European Initiative (CEI)



The CEI is the oldest and the largest intergovernmental forum founded in 1989 and gathering 18 Member States from Central Eastern Europe

# The Central European Initiative (CEI)

- Headquarters in Trieste (Italy) and office at the EBRD in London;
- Sectors of activity: Energy, Environment, SMEs, Agriculture, Transport...;
- Main focus on CEI non-EU Member States;
- Performs its mandate through several grant-type co-financing programmes;

## CEI activities in Energy sector

- Support to investment projects in energy efficiency (following EBRD sector and country strategies);
- Promotion of and capacity building and know-how transfer in areas of energy efficiency and renewable energy sources.

# CEI Programmes on Energy Efficiency and Climate Change

- Technical Cooperation (TC)
- Know-how Exchange Programme (KEP)
- Special Fund for Climate and Environment Protection (CEF)

## Technical Cooperation (TC) Projects

- CEI Trust Fund at the EBRD: support to technical cooperation programmes alongside EBRD investment projects;
- Technical Cooperation: offered in the form of grant-type assistance in support of specific components of a project (i.e. feasibility studies, sector and environmental engineering, pre-loan audits, management training)
- CEI grants used to fund energy audits, market studies, EE investment mechanisms, and energy management trainings;

## Examples of CEI TCs in Energy

Commitment Name	EUR committed	Country of operation
Emergency power system reconstruction project	76.218	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Emergency power system reconstruction project	133.581	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Regional: Energy Audits Programme Framework Agreements (MWH)	251.000	<Regional>
Market Study for Sustainable Energy in the Slovak Republic	49.307	Slovak Republic
Assessment of Sustainable Energy Potential in the Western Balkans	196.000	<Regional>
Energy Audits and Energy Management Training Programme	250.000	<Regional>
Development of the ESCO (Energy Service Companies) Market in Public Building Sector in Ukraine	100.000	Ukraine
Analysis of multi-storey apartment buildings in Ukraine	50.000	Ukraine

## Know-how Exchange Programme (KEP)

- Represents a new trend within the CEI: focus on bilateral/ trilateral projects between EU (donor) and non-EU (recipient) CEI countries;
- Among priority sectors: energy efficiency, renewable sources of energy, clean energy and climate change;
- Eligible activities: on-the-job training, secondment of staff, study tours, training courses, peer reviews, preparation of pre-feasibility studies, drafting of laws, assistance in establishing institutions, and technology transfer;

## Know-how Exchange Programme (KEP)

- Mainly capacity building projects with budgets varying between 50,000 and 300,000 EUR;
- CEI grants up to EUR 40,000 per project and not more than 50% of a total project cost (but recurring projects possible);
- Very popular thanks to flexibility and simple procedures;
- Int'l Organisations often involved as project coordinators.

## Special Fund for Climate and Environment Protection (CEF)

- To promote projects in the area of climate and environment protection in the non-EU CEI Member States;
- Eligible activities: feasibility studies, development plans, expert meetings, know-how transfer, research grants, study tours, training courses etc;
- Activities which prepare the ground for lending of International Financial Institutions or other development banks are supported on a preferential basis;

# Special Fund for Climate and Environment Protection (CEF)

The Fund supports activities in the following areas:

- Increasing Energy Efficiency;
- Improving and disseminating environmentally friendly technologies;
- Fostering Research and development in the area of renewable energy;
- Rendering new technologies of sustainable energy use economically viable;
- Supporting the transfer of transport of both persons and goods to more energy efficient modes of traffic;
- Sanitation of old ecological burdens;
- Waste management;
- Drinking water supply and water management;
- Raising awareness in areas of energy efficiency and climate change.

## A few words on coordination among Regional Organisations...

- Several Regional Organisations (AII, BSEC, DCP, CEI, RCC, SEECP, etc.) with overlapping memberships and sector focus;
- Energy being one of areas of activity of many regional initiatives;
- Coordination meetings held annually but still significant need for better harmonisation and implementation of joint projects;

# Thank you for your attention

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