



NATIONAL AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES

***“FINANCING ENERGY EFFICIENCY INVESTMENTS
FOR CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION”***

Implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding

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General Overview

- The Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) is executing a project on financing energy efficiency investments for climate change mitigation in twelve countries in Southeastern Europe, Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Albania is one of the participating countries.
- The overall objectives of the project are to: (i) Identify and develop investment projects; (ii) Build up and support energy efficiency and renewable energy policies; (iii) Promote opportunities for commercial banks and companies to invest;
- The MoU between the UNECE Secretariat and the grant recipient – National Agency of Natural Resources (the Albanian abbreviation - AKBN - National Participating Institution) - was signed in December 2008 and its duration was one year from the date of signature of the above mentioned MoU.
- During 2009 the NPI (AKBN) has not been active in the implementation of the MoU and has not met the deadlines agreed for the project assignment. The MoU extension was considered by UNECE; the validity period of the MoU was extended up to the end of July 30, 2010. The rescheduled tasks are reflected as well

Status of the assignment tasks

National Project Website

- This assignment for the NPI is to work in close cooperation with the Website and Internet Communications contractor, in order to develop the respective project website and/or dedicated pages on NPI existing website. A detailed work plan and specifications for this purpose is provided by the Website and Internet Communications contractor - EnEffect Consult SP Ltd.
- Due to the delays caused by Albanian NPI for the scheduled tasks of 2009, the direct communication with EnEffect is missing. However the NPI–AKBN has started to prepare the information required for the National Project Website according to the Provisional Structure of the National Websites/WebPages proposed in the respective ToR.
- A preliminary structure of information for the National Website is delivered via e-mail on April 2, 2010.

Status of the assignment tasks

National Energy Policy Information for Regional Analysis

- The assignment comprises the collaboration of the NPI with the contractor for the Regional Analysis to collect and prepare relevant energy policy data and information on: (i) key energy sector developments of participating countries; (ii) progress of reforms to introduce market based energy systems including the nature of the market for energy efficiency and renewable energy technology; (iii) specific policy, regulatory, administrative and institutional ‘bottlenecks’ to energy efficiency and renewable energy market formation; (iv) policy, regulatory, administrative and institutional reforms in participating countries.
- The NPI–AKBN didn’t participate in the workshops scheduled in the working plan of the consultant. However the contribution of NPI-AKBN was provided through questionnaires, interviews, bilateral meetings, data gathered from assessment missions performed in the participating country – Albania.
- AKBN has provided is comments on draft final report on Regional Analysis of Policy Reforms to promote Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Investments
- The draft on National Energy Policy Information containing the above elements was provided on May 17, 2010.

Status of the assignment tasks

National Case Study

- NPI - AKBN has started to work on this task as well, which represents the most difficult task to be completed in a short term period.
- Title: Promotion of RES investments in Albania through utilisation of hydro resources by construction of run-out-of-river schemes for Climate Change Mitigation and sustainable development of economic sector in general and power sector in particular
- The first section of the Case study, referring to the template , has been prepared and is providing an overview of the greenhouse gases inventory for Albania for the period 1990-2000, based on the Second National Communication which has been finalized recently and approved by CoP (November 2009) .

Status of the assignment tasks

National Case Study – cont.

- Summary of existing policies relevant to the chosen energy sector, and RES target calculation as per the obligations of the Energy Community Treaty
- Identified potentially economically attractive investment project/set of projects that could not become bankable project(s) before the policy reform(s) took place: brief description of the potential project(s), related energy savings and CO2 reductions, investment needs and potential economic return;
- Specific policy barrier(s) to successful investments into the identified project(s): why the project(s) could not be financed under the initial policy framework? - lack of a specific law or regulation, of enforcement for its implementation, etc.
- Policy reform(s) that allow project implementation
- Financial description of the project(s);
- Benefits of the project(s)' implementation;
- Conclusions & Recommendations

Future Activities

- Trying to be in compliance with the revised schedule, the first Progress Report on the implementation of the MoU was provided by the end of March, 2010;
the second progress report, as well as a prototype national website, a draft on National Energy Policies Information and a progress report on the development of National Case Study was provided on May 17, 2010
- Continue working on the information needed to be provided for the National Project Website. Direct contact with the consultant – EnEffect – is needed, to make the necessary improvements and to have good visual and essential information.
- Continue working on the development National Case Study
- Regular participation in the scheduled meetings, workshops, forums, etc organized for the energy efficiency purposes by UNECE, ensuring the permanence of participation in the project of Albania.



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Thank you !