



Economic Commission for Europe

UNECE-RCC Project

**Energy Efficiency Market
Formation in South Eastern
Europe**

Energy efficiency in SEE countries: a sound priority

- ❖ Improving energy efficiency will help SEE countries to transform the constraints of :
 - Energy dependency
 - Energy insecurity
 - Inequality
 - High prices and bills and
 - Environmental and health damagesinto multiple benefits

Barriers to EE Market Formation in SEE

- ❖ Legal and regulatory gaps
- ❖ Lack of programs and provisions for promoting EE in the public sector
- ❖ Low public awareness
- ❖ Lack of expertise in preparing bankable projects

Beneficiaries – RCC Member countries

- ❖ Albania
- ❖ Bosnia and Herzegovina
- ❖ Bulgaria
- ❖ Croatia
- ❖ The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- ❖ Republic of Moldova
- ❖ Montenegro
- ❖ UNMIK/ pursuant to UN SCR 1244
- ❖ Serbia
- ❖ Turkey

Partners

- ❖ Regional Cooperation Council (RCC)
- ❖ Centre for Energy Efficiency ENeffect
- ❖ Network of Associations of Local Authorities of South-Eastern Europe (NALAS)
- ❖ Regional Network for the Efficient Use of Energy and Water Resources (RENEUER)
- ❖ European Foundation for Sustainable Development of the Regions (FEDRE)

General Purpose

- ❖ **Promote the formation of an EE market** in participating countries in which **cost-effective investment projects** can be identified, developed, financed and implemented by **local teams** in municipalities and energy utilities that **reduce greenhouse gas emissions**. A special emphasis is put on encouraging the **bottom up approach**

Specific Objectives

- ❖ Develop skills and capacities of the public and private sector at the local level
- ❖ Provide assistance to municipal authorities and national administrations
- ❖ Support regional networking between the local institutions

Main Activities

- ❖ Capacity building at municipal and local technical expert level to identify, develop, facilitate financing and implement EE projects
- ❖ Networking activities and exchange of good practice -Creation of a Virtual Regional Center of Excellence (VRCE) based on RENEUER for Southeastern Europe
- ❖ Strengthen energy efficiency and renewable energy policies in the participating countries
- ❖ Promote opportunities for banks and commercial companies to invest in EE projects and introduction of appropriate financing instruments
- ❖ Introduction of the municipal (local) energy planning (MEP) in pilot cities

Funding

- ❖ Project was submitted by RCC to the EC for preliminary consultations for Multibeneficiary IPA funding
- ❖ Co-financing for the project will be explored with the supporting institutions of government departments, international organizations and public and private sector companies.



Thank You !

Further Information

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