

Project Summary

Projekt Background

The South East-European (SEE) countries are characterized by the lowest per capita income and enormous per capita energy consumption. At the same time the whole Balkan region has to cope with shortages in energy supply, power blackouts and a high dependency on energy imports. Striving for more independence, most Balkan states have already elaborated national strategies aiming at reducing of energy use, however huge potentials for improving energy efficiency (EE) and increased use of renewable energies (RE) in the region remain still unexploited. The German Government has created an Open Regional Fund (ORF) on Energy implemented by GTZ that opens up a broad spectrum of technical assistance subprojects in the field of energy efficiency and renewable energies.

Project Objectives

The overall goal of the project is to make energy supply and consumption in the South East Europe more sustainable through more efficient energy utilisation and growing use of renewable energies.

Project Activities

1. Support of regional dialogue and networks as well as knowledge transfer between key local stakeholders such as public energy regulators, communes, academic and research institutions, NGOs, supplier of energy products and services and their associations.
2. Advice to the members of the Task Force on EE and RE of the Energy Community Secretariat on the strategies formulation, assistance in the preparation of national action plans on EE (NEEAPs) in SMEs, transport, service sector, public buildings and private households; advice in preparing laws, regulations, and incentive programmes.
3. Establishment of a regional knowledge management system by elaborating conceptual documents, by implementing of supportive measures (such as the implementation of country analysis or market analysis) and by establishing a cooperation network.
4. Support to relevant groups of actors in the implementation of measures aiming at energy saving and increased use of renewable energies. Alongside the different target groups measures might include the following:
 - Civil society: establishment of a regional network and improving skills of the network members.
 - Private: introduction of environmental technologies and innovative forms of cooperation between the public and private sector (PPP).
 - Energy Experts: Qualification and certification of energy auditors and consultants. Building of a regional network between energy experts.
 - Municipalities and district administrations: planning and implementation of regionally-oriented EE activities (mostly with a focus on knowledge transfer and regional learning platforms).
5. Implementation of demonstration projects.

*) Countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia

Services Provided

- Establishment of a regional knowledge management system
- Advice on strategy formulation and elaboration of national policies on renewable energy and energy efficiency, e.g. NEEAP
- Training of relevant governmental and non-governmental actor groups on EE and RE
- Setting up of regional networks
- Technology and Know-How Transfer on EE & RE
- Implementation of small demonstrative projects
- Project management, backstopping and administration

South-East Europe*)

Open Regional Fund – Energy in South-East Europe

Client

German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ)

Duration

08/2009 - 05/2011

Personnel

- 15 PM pool of international STE
- 15 PM pool of national STE

