



Beenergi

Bundling sustainable ENERGY investments for Girona municipalities



START DATE | 01/04/2015

DURATION | 36 MONTHS

EU CONTRIBUTION | 922 398.75 EUR

INVESTMENT TRIGGERED | 23 MEUR

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BACKGROUND

Being mostly small, the municipalities of Province of Girona lack the technical or financial capacity to carry out Sustainable Energy investments planned in their Sustainable Energy Action Plans on their own. The Beenergi team supports Girona's Covenant of Mayors signatories from technical, legal and financial points of view.

During three years (2015-2018) at least 6.48 MEUR of investments will be mobilized to increase energy efficiency in street lighting in 65 municipalities and 9.40 MEUR will be mobilized in energy efficiency investments in 85 public buildings.



GOALS

Beenergi specific objectives are:

- launching sustainable energy investments to strengthen innovative organisational models, establishing and promoting a new funding scheme;
- building capacity among all key actors involved including final beneficiaries;
- opening access to municipal energy consumption data and communication of results across Europe;
- bundling investments in packages to make them bankable.

Beenergi mainly promotes contracts between municipalities and 'MESCOs' (micro energy service companies).

ACHIEVEMENTS

To date,

- the project has engaged 69 Girona's Covenant municipalities, 47% of them having a population of less than 5,000 inhabitants. The amount of investments that the new team is working with are 23.21 meur; 2.69 meur of investments have been launched and 1.60 meur of MESCO contracts have been already signed (0.23 meur street lighting Energy Performance Contracts (EPC) and 1.37 energy supply contracts for public buildings and district heating).
- Ddgi submitted two proposals to the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) regional managing authority to combine ERDF and EPC contracts – main objective being to maximise structural funds impact (11.60 meur of investments) by using innovative financial schemes and speeding up MESCOs contracts.



FINDINGS

- 39 SMEs participated in the capacity building activities to become MESCOs. A workshop between financial institutions, local SMEs and local authorities was organised involving 69 people in 87 bilateral meetings
- Beenergi first results have been taken into account in four ongoing projects financed by Interreg programmes: two Interreg Europe projects (Finerpol and Bio4eco) and two interreg MED projects (Stepping and Sherpa).
- Four local authorities mainly in MED area are already interested in replicating Beenergi financial and organisational schemes.



FURTHER INFO

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