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IT SOUNDS ... EASY!

Energy efficiency? Renewable resources? Innovation and new technologies? Self-sufficient Local Energy Systems?...EASY. The general objectives of the Easy Project, that means Energy Actions & Systems for Mediterranean Local Communities, could be summarized in these short sentences.

The Easy project, total budget of 616.296 euros, co-funded at 49% by the EU, within the framework of the IEE – Intelligence Energy Europe Program, has started last December 14th 2007 during the kick-off meeting of Ancona.

The project aims to define a standard methodology and a unique model of Integrated Energy Planning to be replied in the different urban decentralized areas (such as islands, tourist settlements, etc.) of the Adriatic and Mediterranean regions. There is an important point to be stressed...the starting up of a participatory process toward a strong stakeholder engagement, following the precepts of the Local Agenda 21. The idea is to create a *"thinking network"* of Sustainable Energy Communities able to communicate together, exchanging experiences, sharing solutions as well as creating a common knowledge and culture in managing RES.

Four Mediterranean Cities are experimenting, at local level, a sustainable energy model, following the objectives agreed last January by the European Commission for 2020: 20% reduction in greenhouse gases; 20% increasing in energy efficiency, as well as a raise of the renewable energy use up to 20% of total energy consumption.

After almost seven months life, the Easy project has already achieved good results, both at the international and at the local level, establishing organizational tools, such as the Steering Committee, one Easy Agency, an International Expert Group or the Local Energy Forum. The next pit-stop is the international meeting that will be hosted in Brač (Croatia) and, afterwards, the EASY project will be ready to start the more operative phase, that consists in the analysis of the different energy local systems for defining possible technological and management solutions to be implemented.

We are only at the beginning of a long pathway, but it sounds so...EASY!



Intelligent Energy Europe

Key data:

- IEE – SAVE 2005
- Total budget: 616.296 €
- EC contribution: 50% of the budget
- Duration of the project: 01.12.2007—01.12.2009

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EASY:

Energetic sustainability
for islands and touristic
settlements of the Adriatic
and Mediterranean regions

ISLAND OF BRAC



PORTONOVO



VILA-REAL



SYKIES



Objectives of the Project

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In order to fulfil this mission, these steps have to be followed:

- Set up of 4 (one per country involved) Local Energy Forums
- Establishment of 4 national steering committees
- Set up of an international EASY agency to support local energy activities
- Involvement of local actors to implement a change in local energy systems
- Creation of a local expert group by each partner
- Definition of a Local Energy System Model



Current Stage

Local Level

EASY has already established the Local Energy Forum, aimed to involve local key actors in the planning process and also to become an effective dissemination and feedback tool at the local level.

International Level

A Steering Committee (to direct and to address the development of the project) is already working, as well as an International Expert Group, conceive to exchange skills, results and know-how. And also the EASY Agency has been set up: the agency provides technical support to all partners in the implementation of EASY activities and, in the end of the project, will be in charge of the outcomes and the future activities.

The Partners

-Municipality of Ancona: it has been very active in environmental and sustainability policies. In fact, Municipality of Ancona is leading the Italian Association for Agenda 21 (with more than 300 local authorities) and the Forum of Adriatic and Ionian Cities, born to introduce sustainable innovations in the Adriatic and Ionian Cities.

-Forum of the Adriatic and Ionian Cities: is a voluntary, non-profit, international Association born to promote the municipalities that overlook the Adriatic-Ionian basin. The Forum's objective is to construct and to develop economic, social, environmental and cultural integration between the coastal cities and also to contribute to the realization of European integration.

-Marche Region: the central Italian region of Le Marche covers almost 10,000 square kilometres and enjoys an autonomous regional government, with administrative and legislative powers, since 1970. The region is divided into 5 provinces: Ancona, ascoli Piceno, Fermo, Macerata and Pesaro-Urbino.

-SVIM-Sviluppo Marche SpA: is the development company of the Marche Region. It plays an important role in the implementation of the regional development policy by transforming general objectives and strategies into regional projects.

-Municipality of Sykies: is a Greek local entity of public law situated in the Northern part of Thessaloniki, in the region of Central Macedonia. Sykies is also very active in promoting sustainable development: is a participant of the Energy-Cities network, has published an energy-saving guide and has already completed its Local Program on Sustainable Development based on Habitat Agenda.

-County of Split and Dalmatia: it is the largest Croatian County, covering more than 14,000 square kilometres and about 450,000 inhabitants. Its landscape is very heterogeneous: islands, islets, reefs, coastline and hinterland.

-Town of Vila-real: the municipality of Vila-real has a large experience in European projects. Currently, is participating in several European projects in the area of energy efficiency. Besides, an energy agency has been set up recently—Agencia Energètica de la Plana—, which gives to the city an added value.

-Fundación Comunidad Valenciana-Región Europea: is a non profit organization under the protection of the Valencian Regional Government. Its aim is to encourage the participation of all the sectors of the Valencian Region in the European Union's policies and to spread a better knowledge of these policies in the Valencian society.



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Marche Region (IT)
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Sviluppo Marche-SVIM (IT)
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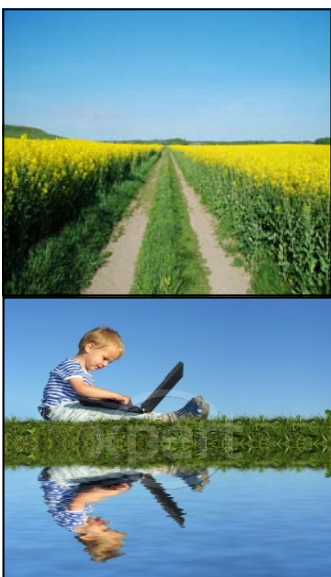
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MEETINGS

Kick off meeting, Ancona 2008

The International Kick-Off meeting was held by Muse Theatre of Ancona on 14 and 15 December 2007. All partners attended the meeting and presented their organizations introducing their competences, services and EU projects they are participating.

Second Steering Committee, Vila-real 2008

The 2nd international meeting that took place in Vila-real (2nd - 3rd of June 2008), allowed the partners to discuss about the difficulties and the problems met at local level regarding the energy issue, and to start thinking about common alternatives and solutions.

Next Steering Committee, Croatia 2008

It will be hosted in Bol (island of Brač, Croatia), during the international conference "Hydrogen on islands" and it is supposed to be the start of the operative phase.

EASY WEBSITE

The website www.easyaction.eu is the main tool for dissemination and feedback and it is published in English, Greek, Spanish, Croatian and Italian.

