



**NEWSLETTER**

**March 2009**

## **The 2009 IEE Call for Proposals is open**

The 2009 call for proposals under the Intelligent Energy – Europe programme is open. **The Call budget is 65M€ and the Call deadline is 25<sup>th</sup> June 2009** at 17:00 (Brussels time).

Actions funded will be in the area of energy efficiency, renewable energy and energy-efficient transport. Grants awarded under this scheme may cover up to 75% of the eligible project costs.

[http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/call\\_for\\_proposals/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/call_for_proposals/index_en.htm)

The EACI press release announcing the call is available on:

[http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/doc/2009\\_IEE\\_pr.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/doc/2009_IEE_pr.pdf)

## **Brussels, 31 March 2009: Commission earmarks 15 million euro to promote sustainable energy investments in cities**

*The European Commission has adopted the 2009 Work Programme of the Intelligent Energy-Europe (IEE) Programme aiming at co-financing non-technology projects to promote energy efficiency, renewable energy and clean transport. For the first time financial support will be provided for technical assistance helping cities to develop bankable projects or investment programmes in the field of urban sustainable energy. The IEE 2009 budget is more than 96 million euro of which 15 million is foreseen for developing the potential of municipalities and regions to accelerate local investments, notably in buildings and urban transport.*

The financial facility should be operational by the end of 2009 and will be jointly operated by the European Investment Bank and the Commission. 15 million euro which are earmarked for local or regional authorities include those adhering to the Covenant of Mayors Initiative with the commitment to contribute to the objective of the EU sustainable energy policy, i.e. to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions by at least 20% by 2020. It will help those local authorities to obtain large scale loans from development banks such as the European Investment Bank.

Projects eligible under the facility include renovation of public and private buildings, street lighting, integration of renewable energy sources into the built environment, district heating/cooling networks based on combined heat and power (CHP) and decentralised CHP systems. Another important area supported under the facility is urban transport to support increased energy efficiency and integration of renewable



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energy sources and to facilitate the introduction of electric cars.

Having in mind the potential of current 476 Covenant of Mayors' signatory cities, the Facility aims to provide tangible support for implementation of their sustainable energy action plans and thus mobilize the local sustainable development, creation of new jobs and climate change mitigation. [More](#)

## ISLENET NEWS

### Two of our projects are in the Intelligent Energy e-library

The aim of the e-library is to bring together in one place a range of tools and guidebooks on energy efficiency, renewable energy applications and sustainable mobility. It includes items funded under the [Intelligent Energy-Europe \(IEE\)](#).

**"RERINA-Sustainable energy communities: A practical guide for insular and ecologically sensitive areas": 114 pages. Author: Theocharis Tsoutsos ed., TUC - Technical University of Crete et al. (2006).**

**The 3-NITY project** – How a local community can become a Sustainable Energy Community through.

- Sustainable Energy Planning:
- Sustainable Measures and Activities:
- Sustainable Excellence :

[More](#)

### ISLENET in partnership with APEA-Agrigento in EUSEW 2009



SOLCO



ISLENET in partnership with the **Agrigento Provincial Energy Agency (APEA)**, the coordinator of **SOLCO** project, organised an EU Conference with the title **SOLAR COOLING TECHNOLOGIES: THE SOLCO PROJECT**, within the context of the European Sustainable Energy Week in Brussels, EUSEW2009. The Conference focused on solar cooling technologies and the non-technological barriers they face.

[More](#)

### OUR PROJECTS

#### The TRANSPLAN Project



**TRANSPLAN, "Transparent Energy Planning and Implementation".** will produce 5 new energy plans for 5 islands through the use of the Energy Planning Tool (EPT) which will offer systematic and transparent monitoring

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of energy consumption within a geographic area through the elaboration of energy balances.

We invite you to visit the project website and share your energy saving ideas and experiences with us. All entries are welcome, individuals and organisations. The objective is to inform and inspire people on various energy saving options, encouraging dialogue and contact among communities.

The first draft of the [Energy Planning Tool](#) and [Inspiration Catalogue](#) is available. [More](#)

### The BIORES Project



biores

The **BIORES** project, “**Reinforcing Investments in biogas technologies for small-scale RES applications in islands**”, in partnership with the Western Isles Council – Comhairle nan Eilean Siar will hold on the 4th of May 2009 in Stornoway a public meeting in order to discuss with the local community the challenges and opportunities of biogas applications in European islands. [More](#)

### The STORIES Project



stories

The **STORIES** project, “Addressing barriers to **STOR**Age technologies for increasing the penetration of Intermittent Energy Sources”, held a workshop on 11 March 2009 in Athens, Greece. This workshop is a **LOCAL TARGETED INFORMATION CAMPAIGN** which is part of the broader dissemination and communication strategy of the project. Presentations were made on Ios and Milos, Greek island case studies. [More](#)

### The SEC-BENCH Project



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The **SEC-BENCH** project, “**Sustainable Energy Communities – Benchmarking of energy and climate performance indicators on the web**”, will develop a web-based tool for monitoring and benchmarking of local energy performance, and thereby stimulate groups of municipalities to move together towards more sustainable energy systems at local level. Communities in 8 different countries, Bulgaria, Denmark, Greece, Italy, Norway, Poland, Portugal and Slovenia are establishing new networks or working with existing ones in order to develop sustainable energy communities in their areas. More on the benchmarking approach as well as the indicators used can be found on the project website. [More](#)

## FUTURE EVENTS

### ECO-INNOVATION EUROPEAN INFO DAY, BRUSSELS, 20 APRIL 2009

The Eco-innovation European Info Day which will be held in Brussels on 20 April will be the opportunity to learn more about the forthcoming call for proposals with its



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approximately € 32 million funds available for projects in the area of recycling, buildings, food & drink and green business. Register today on:

[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/etap/ecoinnovation/events\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/etap/ecoinnovation/events_en.htm)

### DENMARK IS HOSTING THE 2009 UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE, DECEMBER 2009

Denmark will be the host country of the 2009 United Nations Climate Change Conference. The event will take place in Copenhagen from 30 November to 11 December 2009.

The goal is to enter into a binding global climate agreement. The agreement will apply to the period after 2012. **More:** <http://www.cop15.dk/en/>

### GLOBAL CLIMATE EXHIBITION AND FAIR, COPENHAGEN, DECEMBER 2009

**The Danish Society for Nature Conservation invites you to a global climate exhibition and fair** in Copenhagen, Denmark. The Copenhagen Climate Exchange 2009 will be a forum for cities, NGOs and innovative enterprises from across the world. The exhibition provides an opportunity for sharing visions and exchanging ideas. It is a four day event leading up to COP15, the official UN climate summit in Copenhagen, 3 - 6 December 2009.

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