

Title: Improved guidelines for calls for proposals addressed to energy efficiency in public buildings

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Challenges addressed



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Buildings are among the main sectors identified as being responsible for Europe's emissions. Energy efficiency in public buildings is clearly relevant in the context of EU regional policy.

As being responsible for the regional development policy programming and implementation, SE RDA addressed the following needs:

- ❖ **Improvement of the public buildings energy efficiency;**
- ❖ **Increase of capacity building of the local public authorities in the field energy efficiency;**
- ❖ **Increase of capacity building of SE RDA as Intermediate Body for 2014-2020 ROP;**
- ❖ **Increase of awareness** among the policy and decision makers, private and public companies, research institutes working on advanced energy efficiency technologies, etc.

Why REBUS?



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OBJECTIVE

Improve the capacity of public authorities in European regions to undertake efficient renovation works of their public building stock



Save energy and public resources!

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- Regional Agency for Waste and Resource Management – **Italy** (Lead Partner)
- City of Malmö - **Sweden**
- BORA 94 Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén County Development Agency Non Profit – **Hungary**
- Association of Municipalities Polish Network "Energie Cités" (PNEC) – **Poland**
- South-East Regional Development Agency (SE RDA) - **Romania**
- European Institute for Innovation – **Germany** (Advisory Partner)
- Durham County Council – **UK**
- Region of Crete - **Greece**

What made REBUS different ?



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REBUS aimed at developing and testing a new integrated approach to energy efficient renovation works in public buildings - *Energy Renovation Path (ERP)*

What is ERP?

A **guideline of concrete measures** that enables the **local and regional authorities** to take **real steps** towards reaching energy targets.

ERP provides means and instruments to undertake efficient renovation works of the public building stock by including **experiences** from the partner regions with focus on **4 topics**:

- **Planning**
- **Implementing**
- **Monitoring**
- **Horizontal theme of capacity building**



Overview of the policy instrument addressed



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Policy instrument envisaged: 2014-2020 ROP, Priority Axis 3 „Supporting the transition towards an economy with low carbon emissions”, Investment Priority 3.1 „Supporting energy efficiency, intelligent energy management and renewable energy use in public infrastructures, including in **public buildings** and in the housing sector”

Allocation for South-East Region for the Investment Priority 3.1 (ITI): 39,7 Mil. EUR of which 33,8 mil EUR ERDF

Eligible beneficiaries: local and central public authorities

Indicators:

- Annual decrease in greenhouse gases;
- Annual decrease of primary energy consumption in public buildings.

SE Region Action Plan



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Objective: Development of new improved guidelines for the calls of proposals addressed to energy efficiency in public buildings.

The new Guidelines for Applicants envisages:

- New simplified administrative and compliance criteria;
- New eligibility and selection criteria;
- New technical and evaluation criteria.

Results: 2 calls launched for the Danube Delta Territorial Investments Area with improved guidelines (May 2019 and December 2020).

	1st Call	2nd Call
ERDF Call Allocation	33,8 mil EUR	
Requested ERDF Amount	14,4 mil EUR	5,67 mil EUR
No of projects under implementation	7 projects	n/a
No of projects under contracting	5 projects	n/a
No of projects under evaluation	n/a	6 projects

Lessons learnt from REBUS



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OPERATIONAL PROGRAMMES 2014 -2020

- ❖ Investment Priority 3 «Transition into a low carbon economy, especially in urban areas» - BORA 94 Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén County Development Agency, **Hungary**;
- ❖ Axis 4 – “Supporting transition towards a low carbon economy in all sectors” - Regional Government of Tuscany, **Italy**;
- ❖ Thematic Objective 4 – “Supporting the transition to a low-carbon economy in all sectors” - Region of Crete, **Greece**



- Simplified administrative and compliance criteria;
- Various types of eligible buildings;
- Additional criteria for technical evaluation

GOOD PRACTICES

- ❖ “School Carbon Reduction Programme” - Durham County Council, **UK**;
- ❖ THE BIG SWITCH OFF” - “Training for employees of Local EnDurham County Council, **UK**;
- ❖ Energy Management Agency”, **Hungary**.

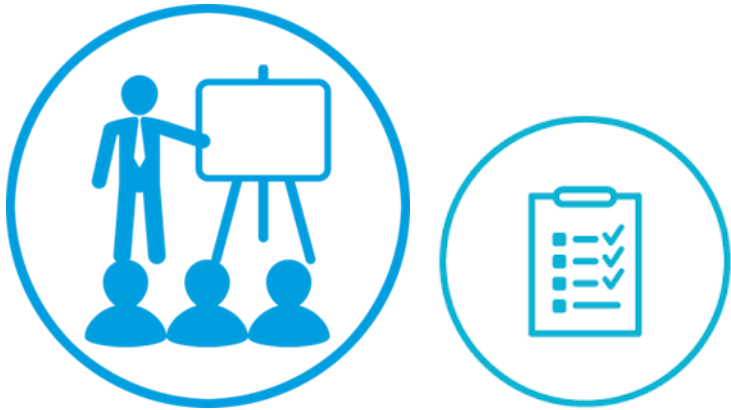


- Raising awareness campaigns and behavioral change in schools and public offices;
- Capacity building actions

Key messages



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- ✓ The most efficient way to move forward is to concentrate resources in a set of measures for planning, implementing and monitoring renovation works;
- ✓ Effective improvements in energy efficiency renovation of public buildings can only be achieved if coordinated actions are taken into account in the programming agenda of beneficiaries and managing authorities;
- ✓ Interregional exchange, stakeholder engagement and transfer of experiences contribute to a successful policy instrument improvement.



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