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USAID-HELLENIC AID COOPERATION: SYNENERGY

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USAID ENERGY EFFICIENCY PRIORITIES

- Areas of Focus
 - Residential/low income/affordability
 - Public buildings
- Approach
 - Stimulate and assist Governments development of effective energy policies and plans
 - Overcome barriers and improve investment climate to stimulate financing (including non-governmental)
 - Combined focus: regional templates; bilateral opportunities



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PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- Build capacity among experts from the Energy Community Contracting Parties and Observer Countries to develop the necessary legal/policy/institutional, technical, and financial skills to prepare effective policies and national plans for residential and public buildings.
- Create sustainable framework for systemic change.
- Overcome barriers to private investment and financing for building sector energy efficiency improvements
- Develop capacity among key stakeholders and centers of excellence in each country.



PROGRAM OUTPUTS

- Provide templates, models, and best practices in the following areas:
 - Legal/regulatory/policy framework
 - E.g., laws, codes, standards
 - Provide policy input to integrated energy planning process
 - Quantifying energy efficiency opportunities to develop national targets;
 - Financing sources and mechanisms
 - Includes working with banks, IFIs, industry associations;
 - Public information campaigns;
 - Energy efficiency component to social safety net approaches for low income households
 - Monitoring and evaluation.



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PROGRAM OUTPUTS (2)

- Illustrative Country-specific Activities:
 - To be determined following visits to countries; may include the following:
 - Preparation of national plans in the building sector;
 - Creation of energy efficiency agencies or centers (Hellenic Aid/CRES);
 - Networking within and across countries;
 - Policy; financing; social safety net; integrated energy planning
 - Preparation of investment projects;
 - Seek financing/investment;
 - Promotion of the implementation of energy efficiency projects among relevant officials;
 - implementation/evaluation/dissemination of energy efficiency projects.



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PROGRAM APPROACH (1)

- Develop and disseminate regional models, templates, and guidelines, e.g.:
 - Model laws and policies;
 - Guidelines for national strategies, action plans and programs;
 - Approaches for building codes/standards/labeling;
 - Social safety net programs for low-income households;
 - Guidelines for financial mechanisms and private sector participation;
 - Municipal energy planning;
 - Public information campaigns;
 - Monitoring and evaluation protocol.



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PROGRAM APPROACH (2)

- Tailor the regional models and templates to country-specific activities.
- Create or strengthen institutional capacity to implement the policies and programs (i.e., Agencies or Centers).
- Priority activities will be developed based on consultation with experts and stakeholders -- including members of the Energy Efficiency Task Force and donors/IFIs.
- Specific applications may include:
 - Development of national or local strategies and programs;
 - Identify financing mechanisms working with banks and IFIs;
 - Guidance on public-private partnerships
 - Hellenic Aid/CRES-assisted projects testing the new mechanisms under replicable conditions.



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TIME FRAME

- June and September, 2008: Country visits by USAID and CRES.
- By October, 2008: Define regional and country-specific activities.
- By November, 2008: Disseminate models/templates and begin supporting country-level implementation as appropriate.
- By June, 2009: Mid-term assessment.
- By June, 2010: Prepare preliminary evaluation report on country-specific activities.
- September, 2010: Regional dissemination conference.



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OTHER AREAS OF USAID/HELLENIC AID COOPERATION

- Strategic Planning for Energy Efficiency and Renewables
- Regional Renewable Energy Assessment
- Capacity Building and Institutional Network Development



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