

Project factsheet - Assessment grid

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Ref. No.	DRP0200086
Project title	Danube Region Programme
Acronym	SMEnergy
Priority axis	2. - A greener, low-carbon Danube Region
SO	2.1 - RenewableEnergy
Lead partner	Local Energy Agency Spodnje Podravje
Lead partner country	Slovenija (SI)
Lead partner legal status	Public
Project duration	30
Total Interreg Funds	1653532.10
Total Eligible Budget	2066915.14

Project Summary

The majority of energy-intensive small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are currently groping in the dark about how they could switch to the use of renewable energy sources. It is not clear to SMEs which suppliers should be identified and used, in which part of the energy transformation process, or how accessible or reliable these suppliers are (due to the uneven levels of supplier qualification and access systems in the Danube countries). They are also not offered any support in clearly understanding which steps they need to take – depending on their level of operation and maturity – to switch to the use of renewables. This is all taking place in the middle of an energy crisis when the need to decarbonise SMEs has increased drastically. The goal of the project is to create a pilot network of regional/countrywide service centers in order to support energy-intensive SMEs in accelerating the transition to adopting renewable energies. Corresponding outputs can be achieved only through transnational collaboration: an energy transition roadmap answering diverse company maturity and situations, model operation of Green Energy Knowledge, Operation and Service Hubs (GEKOS) assuring single-channel service, equipped with a cross-border green energy database and marketplace. Due to scalability, we must meet the needs of SMEs that are only just considering their energy transition, as well as those that are already at the forefront of this. The final aim of the project is to create both national and transnational strategies/toolkits on how the diverse SME segments can be better supported in the increased use of renewables. The novelty of the project is the efficient service methodology for SMEs based on a combination of massive energy knowledge and the single-channel service of real SME needs and access. This is also reflected by the structure of the partnership, namely the symbiotic collaboration of energy agencies and business support organisations.

LIST OF PROJECT PARTNERS

No.	Institution name	Country	Total Interreg funds	Total eligible budget
LEASP	Local Energy Agency Spodnje Podravje	Slovenija (SI)	203130.00	253912.50
		Magyarország		

MEHI	Hungarian Energy Efficiency Agency	(HU)	197022.00	246277.50
FIB	Business Agency Burgenland Research and Innovation Ltd.	Österreich (AT)	174095.23	217619.04
PC-Trend	PC-Trend Ltd.	Magyarország (HU)	156395.53	195494.42
DEX IC	DEX Innovation centre	#esko (CZ)	162130.88	202663.60
SBA	Slovak Business Agency	Slovensko (SK)	133697.04	167121.30
RARS	Development Agency of the Republic of Srpska	Bosnia and Herzegovina (BA)	111862.24	139827.80
BSC SME - Ruse	Business Support Centre for Small and Medium Enterprises - Ruse	Bulgaria (BG)	119416.03	149270.04
Elfi-Tech	European Institute for Innovation – Technology	Deutschland (DE)	200200.00	250250.00
TZE	Landshut University of Applied Sciences	Deutschland (DE)	195583.15	244478.94
TOTAL (EUR)			1653532.10	2066915.14

LIST OF ASSOCIATED PARTNERS

No.	Institution name	Country
LEASP	Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Štajerska	Slovenija (SI)
LEASP	European Federation of Agencies and Regions for Energy and the Environment	Belgique/België (BE)
FIB	Business Agency Burgenland	Österreich (AT)
SBA	Slovak Innovation and Energy Agency	Slovensko (SK)
BSC SME - Ruse	RES Cluster	Bulgaria (BG)
RARS	Ministry Energy and Mining of the Republic of Srpska	Bosnia and Herzegovina (BA)
TZE	EurA AG	Deutschland (DE)
DEX IC	District chamber of commerce Liberec	#esko (CZ)