

ENERGY EFFICIENCY RENOVATION OF BUILDINGS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

The future of the Green Economy in the Southern European countries

The strategic projects MARIE and ELIH-Med promote a better Energy Efficiency in the Mediterranean buildings

Energy Efficiency is one of the priority axes of the 2020 EU Strategy, nevertheless recent estimates show that the Med countries will not meet the agreed objectives for the 27 European countries.

MARIE and ELIH-Med will try to revert this negative trend delving in the specific characteristics of the Med space and optimizing the opportunities offered by the EU policies in this matter.

MARIE+ELIH-Med have agreed on a policy paper to assist the EU Commission in the preparation of the next programming period 2014-20

This paper, coordinated by MARIE and ELIH-Med, will be reviewed discussed and agreed with other EU financed projects working on the same topic during the period 2007-2013. Public and private entities in the MARIE+ELIH-Med network will also contribute to the development of the contents.

MARIE and ELIH-Med have a mandate by the Med States Committee to work together in a common capitalization strategy; this policy paper will be presented to the Management Authority of the Med Programme at the end of 2012.

A common strategy for the Energy Renovation of the Mediterranean buildings

The key strategic axes that both projects will present to the EU Commission and to the Management Authority of the Med Programme are:

- Territorial and financial governance
- Competitiveness, economic activities and employment
- Market activation
- Smart energy management systems and services

Within the axes, 14 specific lines for action are defined in order to overcome the main organization, financial and control barriers.

The policy paper includes three main proposals to achieve the EU 2020 Energy Efficiency targets in the Med space

Reinforce the coordination between the MED Programme and the rest of EU Programmes dealing with Energy Efficiency renovation of buildings.

To facilitate the progressive implementation of the 14 specific lines for action to the 49 regions and 1,940 cities in the Med area.

Promote the coordination among the Mediterranean States, Regions and Cities giving to the Public Administration a hinge role according to the property of buildings.

The creation of 1.5 million new jobs, investing through 2020 an amount of 95 billion Eur.

It has been estimated that an investment of 95 billion Eur. will be needed to meet the 2020 objectives for Energy Efficiency improvement in buildings in the Mediterranean area.

To achieve that goal and make viable that public and private investment an estimated amount of 900 million Eur. through EU Programmes would be a needed contribution from the EU.