

USAID Macedonia Clean Energy Investment Project

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Project overview

The USAID Clean Energy Investment Project (CEI Project) is three-year project, initiated in April 2013 that supports the Government of Macedonia (GoM) in implementing relevant strategies with the goal to increase investment in energy from renewable sources, and reduce Macedonia's total final energy consumption and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

Project components

CEI Project provides technical assistance and implements a range of activities across two components:

- Streamline renewable energy (RE) project development and investment processes; and
- Establish low-emissions-development-strategies (LEDS) planning processes.

Main activities and accomplishments

Streamlining the RE investment processes – Analyzing the present comprehensive legal RE framework and providing recommendations, proposals and amendments for its modification.

RE Stakeholder Forums – Introducing a new mechanism for public-private dialogue in the RE sector. Forums bring together RE investors, GoM and NGOs will determine the most urgent RE investment issues and propose solutions.

Mapping LEDS elements in the national strategic planning – Completed assessment on inclusion and implementation of the LEDS approach in the GoM strategic planning and recommendations for integration of LEDS into the national sustainable development planning.

Introduction of Remote Sensing and Geographic Information System techniques for monitoring

forestry changes – Presented new platforms, techniques and software for image procession, interpretation and technical requirements for implementation of Remote Sensing into forest-change monitoring.

Study on quantification of land-cover changes in Macedonia – The initial quantification of historical land-cover change and associated GHG emissions and removals using global spatial data for 2000-2012.

Second National Energy Efficiency Action Plan (NEEAP) – Provided technical assistance to MoE in preparing the second NEEAP, as part of an inclusive process in line with Energy Community Secretariat requirements.

Energy Auditors Training Curriculum – Provided technical assistance in developing training curriculum for energy auditors, used in the official certification trainings, leading to certification of first group of energy auditors.

Project partners

The CEI Project works closely with the Cabinet of the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs; Ministry of Economy; Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning; Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy; Energy Agency; Macedonian Academy of Science and Arts; and the Association of Renewable Energy Producers. The project coordinates its activities with the IFC Balkan Renewable Energy Program, GIZ Open Regional Fund for Energy Efficiency, and the EU-funded Technical Assistance for Building Capacities to Ministry of Economy and Energy Agency.

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