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Higher Education European Funding Services

Competitiveness and Innovation Programme

Summary of the Intelligent Energy Europe Programme (IEE)

Objectives

To contribute to secure, sustainable and competitively priced energy for Europe, by providing for action:-

- To foster energy efficiency and the rational use of energy resources
- To promote new and renewable energy sources and to support energy diversification
- To promote energy efficiency and use of new and renewable energy sources in transport

It is the EU's main instrument to tackle non-technological barriers to the spread of efficient use of energy and greater use of new and renewable energy sources.

Actions and Activities

IEE covers actions in the following fields:-

Energy efficiency and rational use of resources, including:-

- Improving energy efficiency and the rational use of energy, in particular in the building and industry sectors
- Supporting the preparation and application of legislative measures

New and renewable energy resources, including:-

- Promoting new and renewable energy sources for centralised and decentralised production of electricity, heat and cooling, and biofuels, thus supporting the diversification of energy sources
- Integrating new and renewable energy sources into the local environment and the energy systems
- Supporting the preparation and application of legislative measures



Energy and transport, to promote energy efficiency and the use of new and renewable energies in transport, including:-

- Supporting initiatives relating to all energy aspects of transport and the diversification of fuels
- Promoting renewable fuels and energy efficient transport
- Supporting the preparation and application of legislative measures

Integrated Initiatives combining several of the fields mentioned above or relating to certain Community priorities.

Activities to be supported are grouped into 5 main categories:-

- Strategic studies
- Creation, enlargement or reorganisation of structures and instruments for sustainable energy development
- Promotion of sustainable energy systems and equipment in order to further accelerate their penetration of the market and to stimulate investment
- Development of information, education and training structures, the utilisation of results, the promotion and dissemination of know-how and best practices
- Monitoring of the implementation and the impact of Community legislative and support measures

The fields and objectives set out above are valid for the whole of the Programme from 2007 to 2013, although the workplans for each year may identify more specific objectives for certain actions.

Opportunities for HEIs

Some opportunities for HEIs to undertake research and deliver training exist under all 3 of the main fields of the Programme. For example, in 2008 the call included:-

- Studies and analyses of user behaviour
- Training and certification courses for installers
- Networking for professionals
- Training for urban and rural planners and building authorisation officers
- Transfer of know-how to and between business, in particular SMEs

Specific education related projects were called for under **Integrated Initiatives**, e.g.:-

- Replicate, enlarge and widen successful experience, tools and methods of sustainable energy education, particularly vocational and adult training
- Organise exchanges of experience between countries which have integrated energy education into their curriculum and countries which have not
- Make the best use of existing didactic tools, in particular those developed so far with IEE support
- Train and raise awareness among teachers and adult trainers on energy issues, including in-service training
- Explore relationships and links with other Community programmes such as the Lifelong Learning Programme.

Timetable

The workplan and call for 2009 has not yet been published, the estimated date for publication of the call is April 2009 with a deadline for applications in late June 2009.

Technical Issues

- The budget for the 2009 call is somewhere in the region of €65m.
- Proposals must involve 3 partners from 3 Member States or EFTA/EEA countries.
- The maximum duration for a project is 36 months
- Grant rates of up to 75% of eligible costs
- Project size is usually between €0.5 – 2.5m of grant
- Electronic submission of proposals

Selection Criteria

Proposals will be assessed against the following criteria:-

Relevance of the action

Quality of the methodology

Community added value

Costs and co-financing

Management and organisation of the team

Further Information

Information about the 2009 call for proposals can be obtained from:-

http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/call_for_proposals