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**Analysis, mentoring and integration of research actors
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Field: Renewable energies

Extension of using renewable sources of energies is one of the major components of power policy of EU with the purpose to reduce gas emission that creates global warming.

Objectives:

- facilitating construction of one independent infrastructure to use renewable energies such as: sun, wind, biomass, geothermal energy
- promotion and stimulating technologies to exploit renewable energies,
- implementation of these technologies through technological transfer,
- fulfilling software applications for renewable energies
- fulfilling educational programs about using renewable sources of energy and protection of environment

Project activities:

1. detailed analysis of the current state of local traditional research .
 - check of existing RTD regional plans, policies and activities
 - identification of public and private stakeholders involved in RTD and their agenda
 - regional SWOT analysis about doing technological transfer
 - identification of regional economic needs
 - identification of European and international context
2. mentoring of low developed research regions by the highly developed ones through:
 - events: conferences, workshops, studies, seminars, researchers mobilities, dissemination of best practices
 - defining and management of joint initiatives
3. initiatives to improve the integration of research actors through:
 - improving RTD infrastructure
 - defining a Joint Action Plan about RTD activities to improve the economic development for the research sector
 - drafting a Joint Business plan to define grant solutions for the activities mentioned in the Joint Action Plan.
4. dissemination activities: conferences, workshops, publications, web-based initiatives

In Romania, at our regional level, an initiative to create a RTD cluster already exists. In this regard, a collaboration agreement was signed to create a Pole of Competitiveness, as a support organization for the regional development through innovation and technological transfer.

Renewable energies is a priority field of this Pole of Competitiveness, being connected with regional development strategy.