



Report

EIFN WORKSHOP - FINANCING OF NEW ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES

Date: 19 June 2007

Venue: IPPT PAN, Institute of Fundamental Technological Research, Polish Academy of Sciences, room 100 (Świętokrzyska 21, 00-049 Warsaw)

Organisers: Partner 8, Innovation NCP, Poland

Initiative: EIFN Project, Task 3.2 Energy Sector Innovation-Financial Model in operation

Organisation:

The information about the EIFN Workshop was announced electronically on Innovation NCP website (<http://www.kpk.gov.pl>) a month before the event. To improve the number of contacted parties invitation was sent to a number of potential participants using internal registered database of Energy sector.

The EIFN Workshop was organized on the 19th of June 2007 in Warsaw, Poland. It was organized by Partner 8 (Innovation NCP, Poland) in IPPT PAN, Institute of Fundamental Technological Research, Polish Academy of Sciences, room 100 (address: Świętokrzyska 21, 00-049 Warsaw). According to the list of participants attached, 62 people participated in the Workshop.

The content:

The Workshop was organized within the framework of the Work Package 3 “Energy Sector Innovation-Financial Model in operation”, task 3.2. “Energy Sector Innovation-Financial Model in operation” of the EIFN Project. The objective of the WP3, task 3.2 was to present the initiative to the EU business community and obtain feedback from them.

The EIFN Workshop was devoted to different ways of financing new energy technologies in the Energy thematic area within FP7. The aim of the workshop was to present different possible financial methods for researchers and investors in Poland. Moreover the content of the Workshop concentrated on providing practical and efficient information to facilitate the access to energy sector financial services.

The Workshop covered the following themes:

- EIFN - project presentation
- ‘Risk sharing finance facility’ within EIB
- European projects financing possibilities within FP7 Energy Theme
- European projects financing possibilities within Intelligent Energy-Europe
- European projects further financing possibilities Operational Program „Innovative Economy”
- Research Fund for Coal and Steel
- RESCUE Project - possibilities of SMEs participation support within FP7

The chairmen of the EIFN Workshop were Dr Andrzej Sławiński and Maria Kaska from NCP Poland. The welcome address has been performed by dr Zygmunt Krasieński who opened the Workshop and presented its main objectives. Moreover, he encouraged the participants to take an active part in the discussion and provide informative feedback.

The first presentation entitled “European EIFN - project presentation” was given by dr Hanna Bartoszewicz-Burczy, Institute of Power Engineering and provided all necessary information about the EIFN project’s tools and methods applied. The second one, devoted to “Risk

sharing finance facility' within EIB", was presented dr Zygmunt Krasiński, Financial Director of the National Contact Point. The third presentation performed by dr Andrzej Sławiński described the European projects financing possibilities within FP7 Energy Theme. All the three presentations encouraged the participants for an active discussion which continued during the lunch break.

The second part of the Workshop consisted of four presentations:

- *European projects financing possibilities within Intelligent Energy-Europe* by Prof. Tadeusz Skoczowski from Director of the Polish National Energy Conservation Agency
- *European projects further financing possibilities Operational Program „Innovative Economy”* by Jarosław Papis from the Ministry of Economy, Department of European Funds
- *Research Fund for Coal and Steel* by Maria Kaska from the National Contact Point
- *RESCUE Project - possibilities of SMEs participation support within FP* by Alicja Walczak from EuroProjekts Sp. z o.o.

In order to ensure the possibility of discussing and exchanging project ideas with the Speakers and potential project partners a fruitful discussion followed the presentations and summarized the EIFN Workshop.

The turn-out of the participants was very satisfactory what proved the importance of events like this. The active, informal discussion between the participants improved the knowledge about FPs and promoted new contacts as well as further research and financial co-operations.

During the EIFN Workshop various information and promotion materials were available i.e. brochures on the Renewable Energy Technologies and Strategic Research Agenda for

Europe's Electricity Networks of the Future. The event was run according to the time schedule presented on the webpage.

Conclusions:

The feedback of the participants was positive. The EIFN Workshop provided the possibility to create new contacts with prospective industry and research partners. There was also an opportunity to provide the participants with practical and efficient information to facilitate the access to energy sector financial services.

Thus, the seminar fulfilled the objectives of Technical Annex of the EIFN Project.

Documents attached:

- List of participants with signatures
- Agenda