

REPORT ON THE ELABORATION OF EIFN DISSEMINATION EVENT

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Event type: EIFN Workshop

Event title: Improving chances for innovative energy projects financing in the context of European Union funds

Date: 8th of April 2008

Time: 10am-3 pm

Event organizers: Innovation NCP, Poland
CENERG, Poland

Address: 81 Zwirki i Wigury Street, Warsaw, Poland

City: Warsaw

Country: Poland

PARTICIPANTS

Number of attendees: 32

Among which entrepreneurs: 4

Among which R&D actors: 20

Among which financial actors: 1

Which were the other types of organizations? 7 (private company, administration)

How many attendees already knew about EIFN activities (roughly)? 10

FEEDBACK

General appreciation or feedback of the event:

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 organised in order to inform and train the potential project partners in subjects connected financing new energy technologies in the Energy Theme within FP7. The main aim of this event was to present the most crucial aspects of preparing well-structured Energy proposals. The content of the Workshop concentrated on providing practical and efficient information to improve chances for success and facilitate the access to energy sector financial services. Moreover, the Workshop contributed to increasing the success rate in the participation of Polish R&D representatives, entrepreneurs and other actors within the next Energy Calls in FP7.

During the EIFN Workshop the following issues have been discussed:

- EIFN project presentation;
- European Union Innovation Policy on the example of Energy sector;
- Detailed instructions on how to prepare a well-structured proposal for Energy Theme in FP7; practical information including the choice of a partner, coordinator, necessary documents and forms as well as Electronic Proposal Submission Service (EPSS);
- New Calls in FP7 Energy Theme;
- Financial aspects connected mainly with project budget building;

- Criteria of project evaluation on the example of already evaluated projects;
- Analysis concerning results of first Calls within FP7 Energy Theme.

Did the audience interact with speakers?

The workshop served as a forum for fruitful discussion and exchange of views among participants. Most of presentations were followed by series of important questions and comments from the audience. The participants were encouraged to join the Europe Innova Network Community.

What were the most frequently asked questions?

What are the most important criteria of project evaluation?

What are the most frequently used methods of appointing project evaluators for specific projects?

What are the specific rules for participation in CONCERTO initiative?

What are the benefits of becoming a stakeholder?

How are the EIFN project methods applied and realised within the scope of Framework Programmes?

What are the procedures concerning the participation of such partners from Ukraine or United States of America?

What are the rules of subcontracting procedures and how important they appear in the finalisation of the project?

What are the most important aspects concerning personnel costs per country and VAT?

What are the decisions concerning the involvement and help on the Ministry within the financial support concerning the EU funds?

During your event, did you promote the EIFN Newsletters?

Yes, the Newsletters were promoted during the EIFN presentation as well as in paper version on materials stand.

Did you identify any attendees who already visited the web site?

Some participants were already informed about the scope and content of EIFN website as they attended previous EIFN Workshops where the website had been presented and recommended.

If “yes”, how many of them? Around 20% of participants

How many Stakeholders were newly registered thanks to the dissemination event?

Two new Stakeholders have been registered thanks to the dissemination event.

What were the remarks or suggestions from the attendees concerning the IT tool?

Some participants suggested to carry on with the regular updating of information concerning the financial tools as well as events within the Energy Theme interest after the end of project.

What were the remarks or suggestions from the attendees concerning methodologies and tools for financial service procedures?

There has been an interest in Innovation Policy and Europe Innova Energy Network as well as in Monte Carlo Method.

What were other remarks or suggestions from the attendees?

Similarly as during previous Workshops it has been suggested to update the Success Stories included on the website concerning particular types of projects.

In order to improve the chances for project's financing there should be a strong focus

on the possibility to work with the virtual projects and procedures during such meetings. Apart from the informative presentations and exercises as well as common tools, the new and efficient methods should be introduced in order to provide informative guidelines for potential project partners.

CONCLUSIONS OF THE EVENT

It is important to mention that the Workshop in a very short time attracted a large number of participants willing to attend the meeting. The turn-out of the participants was successful what stressed the importance of events like this. The active, informal discussion between the participants improved the knowledge about FPs as well as innovative energy projects financing in the context of European Union funds. Moreover it enabled to promote new contacts as well as further research and financial co-operations as at the beginning of the meeting every participant had the possibility to introduce himself/herself.

During the EIFN Workshop various information and promotion materials were available i.e. EIFN Newsletter, EIFN project information, brochures on the Renewable Energy Technologies and Strategic Research Agenda for Europe's Electricity Networks of the Future, Smart Power Networks, European Electricity Projects.

The feed-back of the participants was definitely positive. During the meeting participants had a possibility to evaluate the content and organization of the Workshop by filling in the Questionnaire. Out of 32 participants 22 have responded to the Questionnaire. According to 85% of responders the general quality of the event was very high or high.

The EIFN Workshop provided the possibility to create new contacts with prospective industry and research partners. Moreover, the participants had the possibility of consulting their project ideas with financial expert within the context of next Energy Calls. There was also an opportunity to provide the participants with practical and efficient information to facilitate the access to energy sector financial services.

Taking into consideration the above mentioned arguments the seminar fulfilled the objectives of Technical Annex of the EIFN Project.