

## The ManagEnergy Award competition is open. Submit your case study today!

**Have you developed a project that promotes sustainable energy? Have you launched an initiative with a high impact and replication potential? Submit your success story, share your experience and be in with a chance of winning the 2012 ManagEnergy Local Energy Action Award!**

**What is it about?** ManagEnergy rewards and promotes successful sustainable energy initiatives and projects and encourages their replication across Europe.

**Who is it for?** The competition is open to local and regional authorities, energy agencies or any actors developing sustainable energy projects at the local and regional level.

**What is there for you?** The best projects will be presented with the 2012 ManagEnergy Local Energy Action Award in a special ceremony in Brussels, on 19 June 2012, during the [2012 European Sustainable Energy Week](#). Selected case studies will also be included in the ManagEnergy Good Practice Brochure, promoted on the ManagEnergy website and presented at ManagEnergy events across Europe.

**What kind of case studies are eligible?** Initiatives which make a clear contribution to energy efficiency and/or the use of renewable energy; projects that have had a positive impact during

the last two years and have the potential to be replicated. They should not cover research or demonstration.

**How to submit a case study?** [Download and fill out the case studies template and send it to the ManagEnergy team.](#)

ManagEnergy's annual call for case studies will be open until **29 February 2012**.

Make a difference and gain visibility. Submit your case study today!



## €66 million for new Intelligent Energy Europe projects



Fifty-four promising projects have been selected for funding under the 2011 Intelligent Energy Europe Call for Proposals. The projects are committed to promoting the uptake of sustainable energy solutions in Europe. More than 20% of them have a local and regional focus and aim to support local energy leadership and mobilise local energy investment. [See the full list of selected projects \(PDF\)](#).

The results of the 2011 IEE Call for Project Proposals were released by the European Commission's Executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation (EACI) on 25 November. Negotiations with the selected projects have already started.

Applying for IEE funding is a highly competitive process. The 54 successful projects were selected from over 340 proposals to receive a share of the € 66 million available under this year's call. These multinational projects were tabled by over 600 organisations across Europe. They focus on energy efficiency, renewable energy sources, clean transport and mobilising local energy investments.

Background: The IEE programme is a key contributor to the EU 20/20/20 energy targets. It supports EU renewable energy and

energy efficiency policies by encouraging the uptake of proven intelligent energy solutions. Targeted funding is provided for creative projects which put ideas into practice. The projects help to push progress in three main areas:

- Promoting energy efficiency and encouraging the rational use of energy;
- Increasing the use of new and renewable energy sources as well as encouraging energy diversification;
- Stimulating energy efficiency and renewable energy in the field of transport.

See [the press release \(PDF\)](#) and the [full list of selected projects \(PDF\)](#).

Would you like to participate in the next IEE call for project proposals? [Visit the IEE website](#) for more details and [attend the 2012 IEE Info Day](#).

## Next IEE Info Day on 24/01! Join the European sustainable energy community!



The next chance to have your project supported by the EU's Intelligent Energy - Europe (IEE) programme is approaching, as the upcoming call for proposals will be published in early 2012. Attending the European IEE Info Day 2012 will help you develop a good proposal and increase your

chances of applying successfully.

During the day you will find out about the new 2012 call priorities, while being inspired by the impressive work of ongoing projects. You will also learn more about the necessary policy context for your project proposal.

Dedicated workshops for each funding area will offer in-depth

analysis and a focused approach to your specific needs. For the first time, specific networking sessions will give you the opportunity to exchange ideas, share good practices and find project partners! ManagEnergy will also be supporting you towards this goal.

Bilateral meetings with the IEE project officers will give you the opportunity to receive customised and direct feedback.

The annual IEE Info Day will take place on 24 January 2012 in Brussels, Belgium and will be broadcast live on the Internet.

Join the European sustainable energy community and [register today!](#)

[Visit the IEE website](#)

## EU to continue supporting sustainable energy projects in 2014-2020

Two major EU programmes will continue supporting energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in the 2014-2020 Multi-annual Financial Framework.

1. **The cohesion policy funds:** in October 2011 the Commission proposed that, in less developed regions of the EU, 20% of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) be allocated to sustainable energy projects (6% in the more developed and transitional regions). This could represent some €17 billion of funding throughout the EU during 2014-2020.

[Find out more information.](#)

2. **The Horizon 2020 programme:** in November 2011 the Commission proposed that €6.5 billion of funding be allocated to research and innovation in "Secure, clean and efficient energy" in 2014-2020. A share of this budget - yet to be defined - will be allocated to the "Market uptake of energy innovation" for projects facilitating the energy

policy implementation, preparing the ground for rollout of investments, supporting capacity building and acting on public acceptance; in the spirit and continuation of the Intelligent Energy Europe activities.

[Find out more information.](#)

These proposals will now be discussed by the Council and the European Parliament, with a view to adoption by the end of 2012, to allow for the start of this new generation of programmes in 2014.



## Greek regions engage in sustainable energy infrastructure with the support of the EIB



In line with the central European strategy for 'smart, sustainable and inclusive growth', Greek regions are making use of key financing instruments to invest in clean, secure and competitive energy at the local and regional level.

### Aegean islands to develop smart grid infrastructure

The launch of an innovative initiative for the development of smart grid infrastructure in Greece has been recently announced by the European Investment Bank (EIB). The ISLE-SMART project has been submitted by the network of sustainable Aegean islands DAFNI with the aim of improving the quality of power supply in five Aegean islands that are not interconnected with the mainland, save energy through demand side management and increase the penetration of renewable energy sources in the electricity mix.

Technical assistance, which is essential for the implementation of the project, will be carried out by the Ios-Aegean Energy Agency, through the support of funding provided by the ELENA facility.

Once the preparatory actions are completed and a coherent business plan is in place, the Hellenic Public Power Corporation will implement the investment in the selected islands: Lesbos, Limnos, Milos, Santorini and Kythnos. The smart grid infrastructure will be accompanied by smart meter utilities, large-scale PV installations and other sustainable energy technologies.

### The region of Crete to invest in green urban projects

An agreement has been signed on 24 November 2011 by the EIB establishing an Urban Development Fund (UDF) to support more competitive, socially inclusive and sustainable urban areas in the region of Crete. The UDF will be managed by the Consortium of the Pancretan Cooperative Bank and the TT Hellenic Postbank. It will invest in urban projects in Crete, including initiatives for energy networks and energy efficiency.

The total investment represents €15 million for the next four years. The fund's portfolio may include urban projects such as: the rehabilitation of deprived urban areas; basic infrastructure works; the development of high-technology clusters and added-value infrastructure; water and waste management; energy networks and energy efficiency initiatives.

The UDF operates in the framework of a JESSICA Holding Fund within the EIB, established in 2010 in cooperation with the Ministry of Development, Competitiveness and Shipping, with the aim of deploying EU Structural Funds for revitalisation investments in city areas.

EIB Vice-President Plutarchos Sakellaris commented: 'The EIB is present and active in supporting investment and development in Greece...We focus on high added-value areas such as climate action and urban revitalisation. We apply state of the art know-how and make effective and efficient use of EU funding through initiatives such as JESSICA and ELENA.'

Visit the EIB website and find out more about [JESSICA](#) and [ELENA](#).

## Annual Covenant of Mayors ceremony held in Brussels: cities commit to sustainable energy actions



As in previous years, representatives of local authorities have gathered in Brussels to confirm their commitment to the Covenant of Mayors at the initiative's annual ceremony. ManagEnergy was present at

the event to promote and propose its tools and services that are of great added-value to Covenant cities.

Over 1100 participants, including 356 mayors gathered on 29 November in the European Parliament's Hemicycle to show that they are undertaking concrete actions to improve their citizens' quality of life. Their message was clear: thousands of European cities are determined to reduce their CO2 emissions by at least 20% by the year 2020, going beyond Europe's already ambitious energy targets.

Impressive city examples were presented, amongst others from Sarajevo, Genoa and Bucharest, highlighting how implementing sustainable energy actions leads to local economic development

and the creation of new jobs. Three European Commissioners, the President of the European Parliament and the President of the Committee of the Regions praised the cities' pioneering work and called for others to follow their example.

During the ceremony, 263 cities signed the Covenant of Mayors, committing to reducing CO2 emissions by at least 20% by the year 2020.

Mayors, city officials, municipal and regional energy managers received the ManagEnergy publications and were encouraged to make full use of the initiative's technical and promotional tools and services.

More than 3000 cities have signed the Covenant so far, representing a population of over 140 million European citizens. The combined CO2 emission reduction potential of the current signatories is 144 million tonnes per year.

[Watch the videos from the Covenant of Mayors ceremony](#)

[See photos from the ceremony](#)

[Discover how you can join the Covenant of Mayors movement!](#)

# First U4Energy Competition recognises intelligent energy education in Europe



The first cycle of U4energy, the first pan-European school competition on energy efficiency, has come to an end with the celebration of the final winners and their inspiring projects.

The most outstanding initiatives in this first edition of the U4energy competition originate from seven different countries - Croatia, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia and Spain. The award-winning projects in each category are as follows:

Category A: Best energy efficiency measures  
**Save Energy – Main Concern**, St. Francis Primary (Malta)

Category B: Best teaching actions on efficient energy use  
**Energy Work Bike**, I.I.S. "Alessandrini-Marino" (Italy)

Category C: Best school campaign on energy efficiency  
**Goga4energy**, High School of "Octavian Goga", Sibiu (Romania)

U4energy's main objectives are to raise awareness of the importance of energy efficiency among younger generations and to recognise and promote the efforts of pioneering teachers and pupils, while inspiring others to follow suit.

The winning schools received their awards during a high profile European Award Ceremony in the presence of the EU Commissioner for Energy, Mr Günther Oettinger. The ceremony took place on 22 November at the Musical Instruments Museum in Brussels.

The second round of the U4energy competition is now open: schools across Europe are invited to submit their entries before May 2012. [Find out more!](#)

One of ManagEnergy's key actions focuses on education and training. Visit our [Kids Corner](#) and our [Vocational Training Corner](#), which both provide online energy education resources mainly aimed at teachers, students and parents.