



# INTELLIGENT ENERGY – EUROPE PROGRAMME

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## Why this programme?

With 730 € million funds available between 2007 and 2013, the Intelligent Energy – Europe (IEE) programme helps deliver on the ambitious targets that the EU has set for itself to sustain the competitiveness of its economy while fighting climate change. It does so by supporting concrete projects and real people doing real things.

The programme runs annual calls for proposals and funding covers up to 75% of the eligible project costs. To date, the programme has given financial support to nearly 400 projects including 60 new local or regional energy agencies and involving over 3 000 organisations across Europe.

Examples of projects funded under this programme include training on new construction techniques that can lead to 50 percent or more energy savings compared with traditional buildings, improving the effectiveness of support schemes for electricity generation from renewable energy sources across Europe or help for transport in Europe's cities to become cleaner and more energy efficient.

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## What is 'intelligent energy'?

Today, methods, tools and technologies towards smart production and consumption of energy exist, but the knowledge and know-how required to make them work is not always available and differs significantly from country to country, and sometimes even from region to region.

When it comes to energy saving practices in the office or at home, it is the way people behave and act that makes the difference. Likewise, the installation of photovoltaic system into an existing building involves some specific expertise that is often hard to find.

The IEE programme puts the 'power to change' back in the hands of those people and organisations that are committed to a more rational use of energy and that believe in the potential of renewable energy sources. This programme brings them together and helps them cooperate better on a European level.

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## Who can take part?

Annual calls for proposals are open to any public or private organisation established in the EU, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Croatia. Hardware-type investments and research and development projects are not supported under this funding scheme.

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## Want to know more?

The IEE programme is managed by the Executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation (EACI) on behalf of the European Commission.

To learn more please visit the IEE website: <http://ec.europa.eu/intelligentenergy>

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