



Strengthening the energy efficiency and renewables framework in Greece

for the Ministry of Environment and Energy

The Commission supported national authorities in their efforts to improve the country's framework for energy efficiency and renewables and to meet the national targets for 2020.



Context

The Ministry sought to **promote energy efficiency** and the **use of renewable energy**, in order to achieve the country's potential in both areas. This required full implementation of relevant national and EU legislation, as well as improvements in the existing regulatory framework.

Support delivered

The SRSS mobilised experts from the German development agency, GIZ, who were based at the Ministry for a period of **22 months**.

The support measures consisted of:

- **identifying barriers** to investment, market integration of renewables, financing of energy efficiency, etc.;
- **benchmarking** against EU best practices;
- **providing tailor-made recommendations** for changes in the national regulatory frameworks; and
- **targeted training** for energy managers and other stakeholders.

Results achieved

The SRSS support delivered the following results:

- a **new market-based support scheme** to incentivise use of renewable energy;
- a **new energy efficiency obligation scheme**; and
- a **new energy audit scheme**.

And had the following impact:

- a **more robust** energy efficiency and renewables **framework**; and
- **new competences** for public energy managers and other stakeholders in the field of energy efficiency and renewables.