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**CONCLUSIONS OF THE EVALUATION OF THE OP ENTERPRISE AND INNOVATION**

- Support to 953 projects under the ECO-ENERGY programme.
- Projects contributed to annual energy savings of 13.7 PJ/year.
- Program goals achieved by more than 24% of savings.
- The subsidies allowed the supported businesses to concentrate the planned activities in a single project without having to spread them over a longer period.
- Thanks to the subsidies, the activities planned by the businesses were significantly accelerated, and the energy savings could be notably higher in that period than they would be without the subsidies.

**OTHER IDENTIFIED RESULTS**

- Financial savings of the public and business sector.
- Increased comfort in the buildings.
- Improved visual presentation of the enterprises.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- Continuing in a similar orientation of the programmes.
- Maintaining the variability of supported activities with a direct link to annual energy savings.
- Using an effective set of supplement indicators for evaluating projects to ensure valid evaluation of projects.
- Continuing the use of full computerization of the grant applications.

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**CONCLUSIONS OF THE EVALUATION OF THE OP ENVIRONMENT**

- Support to almost 5,500 projects.
- Reported annual energy savings of 3.4 PJ/year.
- The result highly exceeded the anticipated effect of the intervention at 2 PJ/year.
- The achieved reduction of energy loss leads to more economical management of energy resources in the public sector and allows the deployment of smarter and more environment-friendly methods of heating buildings.
- Without the subsidy intervention of the OP Environment, the projects aimed at energy savings would not have been implemented in most cases, or would be implemented at a significantly lesser extent.