

The Sustainable Construction Programme in Andalusia (PICSA)

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Context

With the entry into force of Decree-Law 1/2014, of 18 March, which regulates the Program to Promote Sustainable Construction in Andalusia, the Andalusian Government facilitates the performance of savings, energy efficiency and renewable energy in existing buildings in Andalusia since April 1, 2014. The incentives granted under this program are aimed at citizens, including communities of homeowners and housing cooperatives, which promote actions that favour energy saving, improved energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy in buildings located in Andalusia, through the execution of rehabilitation, reform, adaptation to use and efficient facilities.

Description and Main Objectives

The Sustainable Construction Programme in Andalusia is a combination of economic measures (subsidies and incentives) and other actions such as regulatory, training and fiscal, that seek, through energy saving and energy, and renewable energy, to promote the energy rehabilitation of buildings, urban rehabilitation, improve the competitiveness of companies of the construction sector, create skilled employment and reduce energy poverty. The programme is developed with the participation of companies, mostly SMEs, liaising with the Agency in the management and processing of incentives, which facilitates the administrative procedures for final users to request incentives. In total, within this Programme there are more than 8,300 collaborating partner companies throughout Andalusia.

The aim of the project is achieving a low carbon economy in Andalusia and a more sustainable and environmentally respectful construction model, in line with the EU's objectives.

Implementation Strategy

The programme is developed with a public-private partnership, counting on the participation of companies ("collaborating partner companies") liaising with the Agency in the management and processing of incentives, which facilitates the administrative procedures for final users to request incentives. Most of the collaborating partner companies are SMEs, which contributes to generating economic activity in the weaker business environment. In total, within this Programme there are more than 8,300 collaborating partner companies throughout Andalusia.

The Programme consists of three main actions:

1. Implementation of an incentive scheme for sustainable construction in Andalusia, managed by the Andalusian Energy Agency. To facilitate the rehabilitation of existing buildings, through energy saving and efficiency and renewable energy measures, in order to make possible the energy saving potential, exceeding 70% in very inefficient houses, promote and generalise the sustainable energy rehabilitation of buildings.
2. Implementation of a financing line through revolving funds for companies, managed by the Agency IDEA (Agency for the Innovation and Development of Andalusia). Besides the outright grants, this financing line facilitates the access to financing, through the JEREMIE Initiative



(Joint European Resources for Micro to Medium Enterprises) Revolving Fund under the ERDF Andalusia, to the collaborating partner companies of the Programme in order to promote the revitalisation of these companies as well as the mobilisation of as many financial resources as possible towards that sector.

2. Creation of the “Sustainable Construction Roundtable” through a participative process, more than 70 experts from different disciplines actively worked together by pooling knowledge and experience around six different themes related to construction: competitiveness, supply and demand, efficiency and renewable energy, innovation, employment and legislation as a result a Development Plan for the Sustainable Construction and Rehabilitation of Andalusia, Horizon 2020 has been jointly elaborated, and including more than 90 action lines.

The main outcomes of the programme:

- The work done to improve energy efficiency in buildings has led to an estimated reduction in CO₂ production of 85 000 000 tonnes and energy savings of about 36 000 toe/year, equivalent to the consumption of 2.3 million light bulbs and 138 million washing machine cycles;
- Around 17 000 new jobs have been created thanks to actions undertaken through the programme;



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What to expect:

- € 280 M expected economic saving in energy bills;
- The measures contained in the development plan are expected to generate as many as 80,000 new jobs over the next five years. To help make this happen, € 529 M of extra funding has been allocated until 2020.

Budget

Total investment for the project “PICSA” is € 242 M, of which the EU’s European Regional Development Fund is contributing € 131.2 M, € 32.8 M from regional funds and € 78 M from private investments.

PICSA also offers funding support to local construction companies in the form of grant aid and by helping them access EU financing. A funding pot of more than € 50 M has been made available, with businesses able to bid for a maximum € 2 M each.

The return on investment is 5-6 years.

Time Frame

Start date: 03/2014 – End date: 12/2015

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