Joint procurement process for purchasing bulk energy in the Zlín Region

Energy Agency of the Zlín Region [Czech Republic]

Context

The Energy Agency of the Zlín Region (EAZK) has been carrying out a procurement process for purchasing bulk energy for the organisations established by the Zlín Region since 2007. Through the coordinated process, considerable results have been achieved, especially concerning savings on energy bills. Joint development process between the Zlín Region and the municipalities for purchasing bulk energy is:

- the demonstration joint action to support development and implementation of local SEAPs
- the action resulting from the main goal of the COOPENERGY project in the Zlín Region - Revision of the Energy Action Plan of the Zlín Region.

Description and Main Objectives

This action is the example of a functional model of multilevel governance, in which a region provides independent technical capacity and expertise through its own organisation (energy agency), and municipalities provide their technical and energy data suitable for monitoring and more effective energy planning on both municipal and regional level. As a directly measured impact, the model of the joint procurement for purchasing bulk energy generates considerable savings suitable for further investments to the energy efficiency or RES development on both regional and municipal level.

Implementation Strategy

- The model of the joint procurement for purchasing bulk energy proved to be successful, generating considerable savings suitable for further investments to the energy efficiency or RES development.
- Since 2013, on account of the COOPENERGY project, there was an opportunity to extend this process on the municipalities of the Zlín Region which were enabled to utilise knowledge and know-how of the EAZK.
• From 2013 until 2015 already 25 municipalities of the Zlín Region joined the process which generated savings of app. 290,000 EUR on energy bills both on electricity and natural gas.
• Energy management in municipalities of the Zlín Region was established through the technical expertise EAZK provided.
• Until mid 2015, 9 meetings focusing on joint procurement process took place in the Zlín Region, with the participation of 22 municipalities and stakeholders; however, the technical part of the process needs to approach each municipality separately.

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Budget

The cost of the action is 1 full time job equivalent, all activities have been provided by the EAZK staff and within the budget of the COOPENERGY project designed for the EAZK and financed both from the IEE Programme and the Zlín Region.

Time Frame

Start date: 2013 - End date: Ongoing

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