Project Summary

Project Background
The South Eastern European (SEE) countries strive to become members of the European Union. They are thus facing the challenge of implementing comprehensive reforms in the energy sector to align with the community acquis of the EU member states and slowly adopt European jurisdiction in national law. Furthermore, the EU expects the accession states to advocate regional cooperation. Since 2006 the German government supports the EU approximation process with the Open Regional Funds (ORF) in four focus areas, one of them being energy efficiency. The topic has so far received little attention in the SEE countries. The capacities for the implementation of energy efficiency measures in the partner countries are still low and regional networks for exchange and joint development of know-how are insufficiently established.

Project Objectives
The objective of the project is to establish regional networks of energy relevant institutions in South Eastern Europe as a driving force for innovation. The wider programme objective is that SEE countries achieve progress in the EU approximation process concerning their obligations arising from the stabilization and association process.

Project Results
The intended project results are:
• At least two stakeholders have adopted on national level at least five instruments, procedures or organizational structures for the increase of energy efficiency or for the support of the EU approximation process which have been elaborated by regional networks and initiatives.
• Two or more regional networks or initiatives which are supported by the project have implemented four activities agreed upon with their own resources.
• Two regional networks supported by the project implement organizational and management structures that have been initiated by the project using their own resources.
• A process developed by a network of specialized ministries and the Energy Community to implement a selected Article of the Energy Efficiency (EE) Directive is available in partner countries.
• One of the networks of political and civil society representatives has developed a position on climate change and / or sustainable energy use that is relevant to the implementation of EU legislation, set up between countries in the region.
• In municipalities of the cooperation countries, instruments, procedures or processes used by regional networks for the planning, implementation and / or evaluation of municipal EE measures are applied.

*) Countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia

Services Provided
• Support for the strengthening of partner networks
• Advice to the partners on network structure
• Setting up of platforms for exchange
• Support for SEE countries to set up clear, efficient and transparent Monitoring, Reporting and Verification process (MRV) for energy efficiency policy cycle:
  - Upgrade of the existing Monitoring and Verification web tool (MPV tool)
  - Capacity building for users of the MVP tool
  - Strengthening of regional exchange of experience on MVP
  - Supporting the work with the MVP and further use of the MVP
• Dissemination of international experiences, know-how and best practice
• Implementation of trainings
• Planning and implementation of sub-projects

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Client
German International Cooperation (GIZ)

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Personnel
• pool of internat. STE (16,7 PM)
• pool of national STE (21 PM)