

FEEDBACK REPORT FROM FOUNDING ADMINISTRATIONS

How this project can help to improve standards of applications for founding?

European Union rural development program funds is together with others EU and country funds important tool to foster investments in wood biomass use. In Slovenia there are organizations who are co-funding or with other financial instruments supporting such investments. In the frame of IEE Wood Heat Solutions projects and other projects in Slovenian Forestry Institute we are in contacts with founding administrations and services involve in founding of wood biomass investments.

Slovenian Forestry Institute organizes meetings with target officials to present WhS project idea and identify key areas of competence that could help to improve successful bids from wood heat sector.

Further one we will present administrations involve in founding wood heat investments and their recommendations.

ECO FOUND



Eko sklad (Slovenski okoljski javni sklad) / Eco Found (Slovenian Environmental Public Found) <http://www.ekosklad.si>

Eco Found provides loans for the environmental protection investments at favourable interest rates

(Soft loans). Found supporting investments that are consistent with National Environmental Action Plan and European Union environmental policy.

Feedback from Eco Found

Interview was made with Eco Found councillor responsible for assignment of subsidies funds for effective use of renewable energy sources.

In Eco Found they are welcoming project IEE as WhS which supports investors in renewable energy sources what wood biomass is. From discussion about applying for funds they

expose importance of holding the instructions for application specially they stress problems of considering The List of Appropriate Heating Devices in which heating devices with known technical certificate are listed. Not considering calls requirements prolongs process of founding investments. SFI was ask to through project transfer this information on potential investors / applicants and contribute on more efficient process of founding investments in wood biomass use.

MINISTRY OF ECONOMY

Sector for activities of efficient use and renewable energy sources



Sector for activities of efficient use and renewable energy sources, perform professional and related promotional tasks relating to the establishment of national programs and regulations of the Government to promote environmentally friendly and energy efficiency (EE) and renewable energy (RES), implementation government support programs, coordination and cooperation in implementing programs and compliance with international obligations in this area.

Feedback from Ministry of Economy

Interview was made with ministry councillor working in Directorate for Energy, sector for efficient energy use and RES responsible for preparation and performance of co financing calls.

On ministry they are welcoming and supporting international projects with the aim to foster activities on RES. From their experience with applications for co-financing calls they recommend that Slovenian Forest Institute on WhS project activities stress importance of feasibility studies in first stage and good projecting with corporation of different stakeholders in communities where they are planning to build biomass district heating.

For ministry good projects based on technical and economical criteria recommended in call are important for positive evaluating.

SLOVENIAN AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY CHAMBER



Slovenian Agriculture and Forestry Chamber is representing Slovenian farm land and forest owners. One of the tasks is also support for farmers applying on different funds with project and application preparation. We made interview with some of chamber employees working on applications.

Agriculture advisers stress importance of projects which can transfer know how and best practices examples on potential investors what can foster decisions for implementing investments. Advisers stress the importance of opportunity when members of different groups are in one place to exchange views on the topic and that possibilities of co-financings are presented to audience.