



# European Energy Network

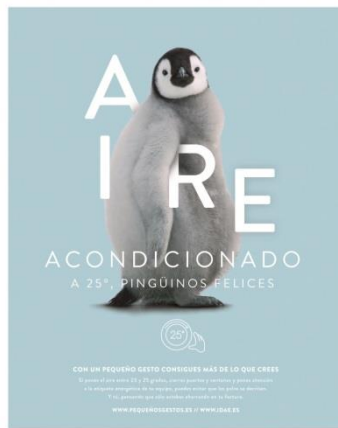


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### GENERAL

#### THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY LAUNCHES A NEW ROUND OF THE ENERGY SAVINGS CAMPAIGN THROUGH THE IDAE: "*Small gestures that change the world...*"



In September 2017, the Ministry of Energy, Tourism and the Digital Agenda launched a new round of the advertising campaign to raise awareness among citizens on the importance of making an intelligent use of energy in our daily lives, both in what concerns household appliances and transportation, through the IDAE.

This campaign, called Small Gestures, which was endowed with a budget of six million Euros for 2017, will be visible on television, radio, print media, outdoors and on digital media, through three rounds which will take place until November. Moreover, it will also feature a set of follow-up actions on

the Internet, on social networks and sector-specific actions.

These publicity campaigns are carried out within the scope of the Directive 2012/27/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, of 25 October 2012, and their transposition to our national law through the 2014-2020 Energy Efficiency Action Plan. According to this regulation, Spain undertakes to cut its energy consumption by 20% over this time period through a series of specific actions in a number of consumer sectors.

### ENERGY EFFICIENCY

#### CALLS FOR GRANTS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2017 ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS

*Una manera de hacer Europa  
"A way to build Europe"*

During the second quarter of 2017, the IDAE launched two new calls for subsidies within the framework of the Sustainable Growth ERDF 2014-2020 Operational Program.



➤ **Grants for the energy-related renovation of existing buildings and infrastructure of the General State Administration.**

With a budget of € 95,181,546, the purpose of this call was to incentivise and promote the execution of actions to cut carbon dioxide emissions through the execution of energy savings and efficiency programs and renewable energy programs in existing buildings and infrastructure belonging to the general state administration, thus promoting the fulfilment of the targets set in the Sustainable Growth ERDF 2014-2020 Operational Program.

### Types of actions

- **Deep building energy renovation actions** leading to an energy rating of A or B for the global emissions indicator, justifying the fulfilment of the DB-HE Basic Document on Energy Savings in the Technical Building Code as appropriate for the action to be carried out.
  - **Partial renovation actions on buildings** that allow for an improvement in the energy rating for the global emissions indicator of at least 1 letter justifying the fulfilment of the DB-HE Basic Document on Energy Savings in the Technical Building Code as appropriate for the action to be carried out.
  - **Actions for the improvement of the energy efficiency of infrastructure other than buildings.**
  - **Actions for the improvement of the energy efficiency of outdoor lighting facilities** that can display a minimum of 30% savings in terms of non-renewable final energy.
- **Grants for investment projects that promote the transition to a low-carbon economy.**

The first call has a budget of 336 million of Euros and whose goal is the direct award of subsidies to local municipalities, or its groupings, with less than 20,000 inhabitants, as well as Ceuta and Melilla, for investment projects within the scope of the low-carbon economy.



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### Eligible actions

The projects must lead to a reduction in carbon dioxide emissions through the following types of actions:

- Improving the energy efficiency of buildings, infrastructure and public services.
- Sustainable urban mobility.
- The use of renewable energy sources for thermal uses as well as for electric self-consumption.

Moreover, throughout the IDAE expanded the budget for the following lines of assistance:

PROGRAMME	BUDGET (millions of Euros)	WEB LINKS
Renovating municipal outdoor lighting facilities	48,7	<a href="#">Lighting</a>
Energy efficiency in SMEs and large companies in the industry sector	168,190	<a href="#">Industry</a>
Buildings	125,6	<a href="#">Buildings</a>

The budget of these programmes comes from the National Energy Efficiency Fund, and they may be jointly financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) within the framework of the Operational Programme for Sustainable Growth for 2014 – 2020.



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**SPAIN IS SATISFIED WITH THE NEW METHOD FOR ACCOUNTING INVESTMENTS IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY. *From now on, the public administrations will be able to further promote investments in energy efficiency as they will no longer count towards the deficit in the accounting of the State***

The Spanish Government has played a key role in this change in the accounting methodology of Eurostat that allows for the promotion of energy efficiency measures in the Administrations.

The information published on 19 September 2017 by Eurostat clarifies the accounting rules applied to the processing of energy efficiency contracts for various types of public investments.

Until now, there was a barrier when it came to tackling these investments from the public sector as they required that the entirety of the cost of the initial investment should be counted as deficit, both in the private and public sectors. From now on, the impact of the initial investment as deficit has been eliminated under certain circumstances, which will give a significant push to the fulfilment of EU energy and climate targets.

In April 2017, the ministers of energy of France, Italy, Portugal and Spain wrote a letter, at the initiative of Spain, to the president of the Energy Council of the EU, in which they reasserted their commitment to significantly improve energy efficiency in concert with the European Union. These four countries highlighted the importance of both public and private investments to achieve these goals. By doing so, they stated the need to review European legislation in order to remove any unnecessary barriers to investment and, in particular, accounting rules.

### **THE IDAE RECEIVES THE APeL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN e-LEARNING.**



On November 30, the National Conference on e-Learning, organised by the Association of e-Learning Providers (APeL) was held in the headquarters of the Confederation of Employers and Industry of Spain (CEOE) in Madrid. It was under these circumstances that the awards for Excellence in e-learning, to which all companies and organisations in the sector had been invited, were bestowed. The event concluded with the acknowledgement of the best el-learning solutions and, for this purpose, a number of

categories were considered, spanning from the corporate sector to the education sector, as well as the public administrations.



Within the field of the public administrations and social bodies, the Association awarded the IDAE for its citizen awareness-raising program on energy savings embodied in its e-learning platform, [www.aprendecomoahorrarenergia.es](http://www.aprendecomoahorrarenergia.es)

### RENEWABLE ENERGY

#### PUBLICATION OF THE STUDY ON THE IMPACT ON THERMAL SOLAR ENERGY ON THE ENERGY PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATE OF BUILDINGS



In November 2017, the IDAE published a study that analyses the impact of the inclusion of thermal solar installations on the energy rating of buildings.

The study carries out a differentiated assessment of the effect on energy ratings of thermal solar energy when it supplies the demand for hot water recirculation (HWR) and swimming pools, when appropriate, and when the demands for HWR, swimming pools, heating and cooling for a building are supplied.

In order to carry out the study, nine different types of buildings, namely single-family dwellings, multi-family dwellings, office buildings, hospitals, sports centres, hotels and shopping malls. Four locations that represent four different climactic areas were selected: Burgos, Madrid and Seville for all building types, as well as an additional location, Las Palmas, in what concerns hotels. Moreover, four time periods, which correspond to the application of different building techniques, were considered.

For more information: [Study document](#)

#### THE APPA, CIEMAT AND IDAE LAUNCH "LABELLING FOR LOW-POWER WIND TURBINES IN SPAIN"

On July 14 2017, the IDAE, the CIEMAT and the APPA jointly launched "Labelling low-power wind turbines": a national-level procedure which, in conformity with the law and existing international recommendations, promotes the orderly growth of low-power wind energy in Spain, ensuring the technical quality and features of any wind turbines that are installed.

This label, which can be requested on a voluntary basis by manufacturers, is intended to inform consumers of the most relevant and useful figures on the functioning of wind turbines for domestic applications, on buildings and in industry for up to 100 kW of





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power, considering their specific implementation within Spain. This procedure is deemed essential to assist the development of this industry, to guarantee the energy results of devices in safe conditions and to strengthen confidence in this technology among consumers and end-users of low-power wind energy.

The procedure is based on the practical recommendations of the International Energy Agency (IEA) for international labelling, and has been adapted to suit Spanish requirements.

## INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

### SPAIN IS PART OF THE IRENA COUNCIL IN 2018



During IRENA's seventh Assembly, held in Abu Dhabi, on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of January, Spain was elected to form part of the Council for 2018.

The COUNCIL Consists of 21 IRENA Members elected by Assembly. It convenes twice yearly to facilitate consultations and cooperation among Members. Considers programmatic, strategic and institutional matters, including draft Work Program and Budget and assists in decision-making with recommendations to Assembly.

The following countries were elected to serve on the Council in 2018: Argentina, China, Colombia, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Ghana, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Malaysia, Niger, Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sweden, United Arab Emirates, United States of America and Zimbabwe.

Bangladesh, Dominican Republic, Germany, Panama, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Sudan, Turkey and Uruguay were elected as alternates.

One of the main tasks of the Council will be to establish a Director-General Selection Committee to assist the Council in its task of making a recommendation for the appointment of a new Director-General to the Assembly in January 2019.

To provide effective assistance to the Council, the Committee will prepare a vacancy announcement, announce the position, review applications, interview selected candidates and present a shortlist to the Council for its consideration.

The Committee will be composed of eight Council members and four alternates, two and one, respectively, from each regional group. Sweden, on behalf of the Europe and Others regional group, informed delegations that the group's candidates for Committee membership are Italy and the United States of America, with the Russian Federation as alternate.



### **MEDENER EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND FIRST MEETING OF THE MITIGATION ENABLING ENERGY TRANSITION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION PROJECT (MEETMED)**



On the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of January took place in Madrid, hosted by IDAE, the Extraordinary General Assembly of the Mediterranean Association of National Agencies for Energy Management (MEDENER) and the first MEETMED project meeting.

MEDENER is has twelve members from the Mediterranean basin: ADEME (France), ADENE (Portugal), ALMEE (Lebanon), AMEE (Morocco), ANME (Tunisia), APRUE (Algiers), CRES (Greece), ENEA (Italy), IDAE (Spain), NERC (Syria), NERC (Jordan) and PEC (Palestinian Authority). It also counts with two observer members: PARAGON Group (Malta) and ADER (Mauritania).

Currently, the Chair of MEDENER is held by ENEA, through Mr. Dario Chello, for a three years period.

The celebration of the Extraordinary Assembly has been of great importance, as several decisions were taken that will have an impact on the future day to day performance of the MEDENER Association. These decisions are related to the appointment of the Chair, of a new Board of Directors, of the Secretary, of the Treasurer and with the opening of a MEDENER branch in Brussels, and were taken with the aim to allow the Association to establish a Secretariat and to present the MEETMED Project to the European Commission.

The MEETMED Project (Mitigation Enabling Energy Transition in the Mediterranean Region) was presented by MEDENER, through ENEA, to the DG Neighborhood-Enlargement of the European Commission. The Regional Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (RCREEE) is a member of the project consortium.

The main goal of MEETMED project is to foster Energy Transition at country level throughout all Southern Eastern Mediterranean countries (SEM) under the European Neighborhood Instrument (ENI). This goal will be achieved through a multipurpose approach that will contribute to security of energy supply, climate change mitigation, sustainable and inclusive growth, while at the same time creating jobs and reducing migration flows.