



# European Energy Network

The voluntary network of European Energy Agencies - at the heart of the clean energy transition

## Name and Country of E<sup>n</sup>R Member

ADEME - France



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## Name of Project/Programme

Specific calls for projects “Innovation for off-grid access to sustainable energy”

<https://www.ademe.fr/solutions-innovantes-laces-a-le-energie-hors-reseaux>

## Description of Project

In the framework of the Global Climate Action Agenda, ADEME launched two calls for project proposals to support innovative energy access projects through small/medium grants, in partnership with the French Ministry for Ecological Transition and the French Agency for Development.

Around 20 projects to be implemented in Africa have been selected. They combine technological and organisational innovations to provide a sustainable, efficient, viable and affordable access to energy for off-grid communities. Furthermore, in order to respond as closely as possible to local population's needs and realities, project partners are strongly rooted in the recipient countries, at the local level. Finally, these projects were selected because of their large-scale deployment potential: thanks to these grants, project leaders should be able to mobilize more conventional financing and scale-up their innovative projects.

## Aim/Expected Impact of Project

ADEME aims to accelerate the achievement of UN's SDG 7 and thus ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all. To do so, the Agency supports and fosters all kinds of innovations and focuses on capacity building concerning renewable energy technologies, energy efficiency, sustainable development and project management. Developing partnerships among European and local actors is also a key of ADEME's energy access strategy. By having access to clean energy, local communities will have a chance to improve their quality of life, have a more reliable access to education and healthcare and foster their economic development, at the same time respecting the environment.

## Involvement of the Agency and link to the EU Green Deal

### Smart integration Just transition

ADEME led two calls for projects, in partnership with the French Ministry for an Ecological Transition and the French Agency for Development respectively. The agency works closely with several national stakeholders, such as the French Renewable Energy Trade Associations, the public administrations, regions, several private companies and NGOs, academia, innovation clusters etc.