



Energy and Managing Authorities (EMA) Network

**Interregional Seminar,
BUILD2LC PROJECT**

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- **Support Member States to make best use of Cohesion Policy funding for energy by:**
 - **strengthening connections, cooperation and exchange of information, knowledge and practices** among all the authorities dealing with the integration of the energy dimension within the ERDF and CF, in particular implementation of energy related programmes and projects.
- **Informal platform** of exchange among Member States, but also between the Commission and the representatives of the Member States.



- Representatives of **national energy authorities** and of **Cohesion Policy Managing Authorities** dealing with energy.
- DG ENER and DG REGIO ensure the operation of the network.
- **Representatives of relevant organisations** representing International Financial Institutions (IFIs), industry or coalition of NGOs active on Cohesion Policy and on energy issues are invited as appropriate to participate as **observers in specific meetings**.



- The **main themes covered** are the energy related priority areas of funding under 2014-2020 Cohesion Policy, including:
 - **Renewable energy, including distributed generation**
 - **Energy efficiency, in particular energy efficiency in buildings**
 - **Smart distribution systems**
 - **Smart energy transmission and storage**
- Other themes can be addressed on a case by case basis, depending on needs and interests expressed by EMA members as well as on policy developments.



Among the main tasks of the EMA Network:

- Allow DG ENER and DG REGIO to **inform and update** the members about relevant **developments linked to energy policy and regional policy**
- Allow national Energy and Managing Authorities to **inform and share** with the Commission and other members **progress and issues at national and regional level as regards energy related programmes and projects**
- Allow the national Energy and Managing Authorities to **share good practices**
- Address **specific concerns and needs** which would request more in-depth work, for instance through a specific Working Group set up within the network



- The Network meets **twice a year for plenary sessions** of one or one and half days, so far only in Brussels but meetings in MS are also envisaged.
- So far the Network had four meetings.
- Agendas, presentations, short minutes, working group reports and other useful material are public on dedicated web site
<https://ec.europa.eu/energy/en/events/meeting-european-network-energy-and-managing-authorities-cohesion-policy-2014-2020>
- In addition, specific **Working Group(s)** are planned to be set up with a dedicated mandate and possible need to organise separate meetings, either as 'stand-alone' meetings or back-to-back with the plenary meetings.



- **Identification of issues** for discussion in plenaries or working groups based on **real needs**
- **Well functioning communication** between network members and all **relevant actors at national and regional level** to **identify such needs**
- **Well functioning dissemination of information and knowledge** gained in the network from network members to all **relevant actors at national and regional level**
- **Open exchange of experiences**
- **Stable composition** of the network and ensuring enough resources for **active participation**
- **Exchanges, contacts and active dialogue** at all levels also **in between the plenary meetings**

Inspiration from similar work



- European Network of Environmental Authorities for the Cohesion Policy (ENEA) set up in 2004.
- Main goal: To contribute to the **integration of environment and sustainable development** within the Cohesion Policy programmes and projects.
- In 2009, membership extended also to Cohesion Policy Managing Authorities, and name changed to **European Network of Environmental Authorities-Managing Authorities (ENEA-MA)**.
- The re-structured Network brings together **environmental and Managing Authorities and other European organisations** active in the field of environment and Cohesion Policy.
- More information at: http://ec.europa.eu/environment/integration/enea-ma_plenary_meetings_en.htm



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Thank you for your attention!