

	Project title		Energy agencies: evaluation of the relevance of Community funding of local and regional energy agencies					
Name of legal entity	Country	Overall project value (EUR)	Proportion carried out by legal entity (%)	No of staff provided	Name of client	Origin of funding	Dates (start/end)	Name of partners if any
Oikos d.o.o.	Slovenia, Italy, Croatia, Bulgaria	14,500	10%	2	Matrix Insight Ltd.	Executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation	July 2009 – March 2010	Ecological Institute
Detailed description of project						Type of services provided		
<p>The objective of the study was to evaluate the relevance of Community funding of local and regional energy agencies. The executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation (EACI) as the funding body wanted to check whether the funding for establishment and functioning of local and regional energy agencies is sufficient and whether it is yielding the desired results and impacts. The study will support the current implementation of the Intelligent Energy programme and it will feed into its future development. The study examined the evolving role of local and regional energy agencies, including the interaction of this role with different levels of public awareness and interest in energy efficiency and renewable energies over time and across countries. The assessment explored the European added value of agencies set up with EU support and developed recommendations concerning the future needs of local and regional communities in relation to such support and the most appropriate mechanisms for providing it. The study covered the EU Member States, the EEA Member States and Croatia. An assessment was conducted through analysis of data available at EACI and the European Commission on Energy Agencies and projects funded in the field of energy efficiency and renewables, as well as through interviews of selected Energy Agencies and consultation with focus groups. The Energy Agencies were interviewed on their objectives and geographical priorities, their internal organisation in terms of funding and administrative/legal structure; their activities and their contribution to EU policy. Oikos arranged interviews and research on Pomurje Local Energy Agency, Slovenia, interviews with AESS, the Energy and Sustainable Development Agency of Modena, Italy, REGEA, the North-West Croatia Regional Energy Agency in Zagreb, Croatia and EAP, Energy Agency of Plovdiv, Bulgaria. Moreover, Oikos conducted a quality control of the reports.</p>						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholder assessment and analysis • Raw data analysis • Review of indicators, assessment of achievement of objectives • Semi-structured interviews • Cross-examination of conclusions from interviews with various types of stakeholders, verification of their statements 		