

PROJECT INFORMATION

Implementation and further development of energy saving projects in schools in Romania and Bulgaria



Logo of the energy-saving initiative "fifty/fifty"

Source: Independent Institute for Environmental Issues

Background

The energy-saving initiative "fifty/fifty" promotes an educational incentive model that enables schools to benefit from cost savings from energy-saving projects. The aim of the initiative is to sensitise pupils, teachers and caretakers for environmental and climate protection as well as for the need for a greenhouse gas-neutral energy supply. In 2015-2016, the project "Climate protection through energy efficiency" was carried out in Romania. The Advisory Assistance Programme project built on this previous project and extended its activities to Bulgaria.

Project details

The aim of the advisory assistance project was to develop financial incentive models for energy-saving projects or alternative approaches adapted to the prevailing conditions in Romania and Bulgaria, to activate the users of school building and to actually save energy in schools. In Romania, the energy-saving projects at pilot schools of the previous project were further developed and workshops were held to design an incentive premium model. One result of the project is that local authorities have agreed to provide schools with funds for refurbishment or new purchases if they succeed in saving energy. In Bulgaria, this project was the first attempt to save even more energy in already energetically refurbished buildings with optimisation measures. One result of the project is that schools participating in an energy-saving project are favoured if they wish to use the investment programme of the NTEF and that schools requesting funds from the NTEF for refurbishment shall be obliged to carry out an energy-saving project.

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Target countries: Romania, Bulgaria

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Beneficiaries: Schools, municipal school authorities, Ministries of Environment and of Education of Romania and Bulgaria

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