

Newsletter n° 2

The Project

QualiCert is an Intelligent Energy Europe (IEE) co-funded project of a duration of 30 months (from July 2009 until December 2011).

In line with an obligation for all Member States, arising from article 14 of the Directive on the promotion of the use of Renewable Energy Sources (RES) (28/2009/EC) to develop certification schemes or equivalent qualification schemes for installers of small-scale renewable energy installations, QualiCert proposes a **concerted action among different Member States** on certification and accreditation of installers of small-scale building-integrated renewable energy systems. The project precisely addresses the **RES Directive's requirement** of certification schemes or equivalent qualification schemes in each Member State that obey to a set of similar criteria and recognise each other's certification.

What's new

Under the leadership of Qualit'EnR, the Consortium has started **assessing existing accreditation and training schemes in the EU Member States**. The results gathered up to now have given an overview of those countries where an accreditation/certification scheme does not exist yet and have highlighted the main characteristics of those schemes that are already in place. More important even, the analysis has shown a consensus amongst the stakeholders interviewed about the **importance of implementing a certification and accreditation scheme** to improve the quality of RES installations: not only they enable to meet regulatory requirements and develop installation standards and best practices, but also they increase consumers' confidence and give access to a network of qualified installers.

Please visit our website to see the full report!

Next Steps...

A **matrix** with a list of features of existing accreditation/certification schemes will be elaborated on the basis of the results developed. A series of success criteria will be reported in this document, which will be also ranked according to technical, legal, institutional, financial and communication aspects.

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These success criteria will be validated by relevant stakeholders during a series of so-called “**validation workshops**” that will be organized in the period May-July 2010.

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High Level Steering Group (HLSG)

A High Level Steering Group (HLSG) was appointed who is composed by representatives of public authorities, agencies and other relevant stakeholders from each Member State, involved in the RES accreditation/certification field. The HLSG will be informed on the progress of the project activities and will be asked a feedback on project outputs.

Through our newsletters, we will introduce you the members of our HLSG. Herewith 4 out of 21 of them:



Maarten De Groot

Freelance in the field of sustainable process management, Mr De Groot is also a Policy officer at the Flemish Energy Agency.



Justyna Przybysz

Expert of thermal renovation, energy, investments, renewable energy resources, and air protection, Ms Przybysz cooperates with the National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management and the Polish Ministry of Regional Development.

Our Events

QualiCert was presented during a variety of relevant events and mentioned on sectoral magazines. Herewith some examples:

- RES installers training organized by Mazovian Energy Agency and KAPE – 16th December 2009, Warsaw
- **Intelligent Energy Europe Info Day** - 3rd February 2010, Brussels
- EPIA National Association Network meeting - 11th February, Brussels
- Article on a special issue of KAPE's magazine "Energia, Pieniądze i Środowisko" (Energy, Money and Environment), in December 2009

Heat pump installer education and certification courses are organized within the EUCERT project. Courses in Finland and in Czech Republic are coming soon. Please visit <http://www.ehpa.org/european-certified-hp-installer/member-countries/> for more information

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Christian Reding

Business advisor at the Luxembourgish Chamber of skilled crafts, Mr Reding is in charge of renewable energies and energy performance, especially in the building sector.



Ms Lucia Scarpitti

Head of Unit of the Italian Ministry of Labour, Ms Scarpitti is in charge, among others, of the implementation of the National System for Accreditation of Training Bodies.

Did you know that?

As of today, 14 EU countries have turned to have implemented an accreditation scheme or training, which are Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Spain, Slovakia, Sweden, United Kingdom. In other countries, such as Cyprus, Hungary, Romania, Poland, Slovenia, such tools do not exist, although there is a strong interest in their implementation.