

## Tools for Supporting Sustainable Development Policy

### The ClearSupport project – its overall achievements and perspectives

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# ClearSupport addresses a 'classical' problem



The missing link

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Helping to  
bridge the gap

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# What is a Clearinghouse?

## **In our context:**

“An agency/office that is creating bridges between Projects and Financing in the field of building renovation within the public & residential sector”

= a practical mechanism to streamlining identification of building renovation projects & bringing them forward to the state of financing/implementation

# ClearSupport delivers multi-disciplinary services

## Services to bridge the gap

Local and national  
Government/policy

Financing  
institutions

ESCOs etc.

Support  
Information  
Project preparation  
Preparation of applications  
Consulting  
Education  
Analyses

Public house  
owners

Residential house  
owners

## Problem reckoned by EC

### ⇒ proposal for Clearinghouse initiative

Section 5.1 of EU Green Paper on Energy Efficiency tells about the challenge and need (from 2005)

#### 5.1. SPECIFIC FINANCING INSTRUMENTS

There is a huge ‘win-win’ potential for investments in small-scale sustainable energy projects throughout Europe. They will often be highly feasible, especially when including the aspects of energy security and environmental benefits. But financing of such projects, especially in the less developed regions of Europe, needs ‘facilitation’ to happen. Financial instruments could be devised along the lines of the **clearinghouse facilities used in other sectors. These would include project preparation facilities and risk management funds.**

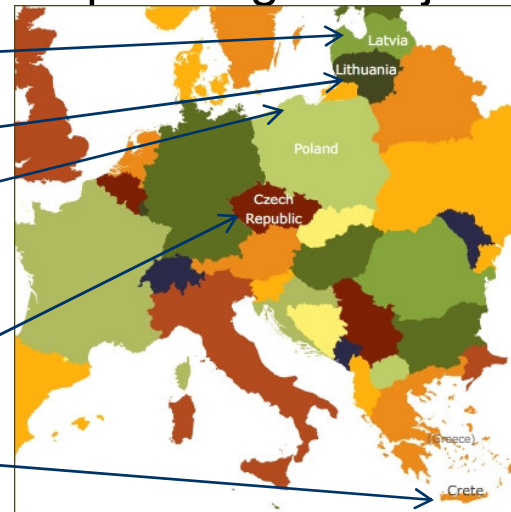
Since the formulation of the ClearSupport project the EU goals for sustainable energy have been strengthened & concretised

In parallel with this the need for effective channeling of funds to energy efficiency projects has increased, e.g. in relation to the recent Energy Recovery Plan

# ClearSupport

- ❑ Can be considered a **pilot initiative** on the practical implementation of a regional Clearinghouse for building renovation investments
- ❑ This is done in the form of operating 5 Project Service Facilities in

- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Poland
- Czech Republic
- Crete



ClearSupport is running from 2007 to the end of 2009 and involve thirteen partners

# Key services of ClearSupport

## Key aim:

Support initiation of **100-200 specific building renovations** in the 5 target regions

## Means:

- Offering assistance to project preparation by **Service Facilities/PSFs**
- Mediating between project owners and FIs

And ..

- Improving the framework conditions for building renovation projects (regulatory, technical and financial)



## ClearSupport: State of the action

- ❑ **136 specific investment projects** have been initiated by the five PSFs (1st April 2009)
- ❑ **54** projects of the 136 projects are at an advanced stage (40%):
  - **2** projects have been implemented
  - Financing applications are approved for **6** other projects
  - Financing applications have been submitted for another **46** projects

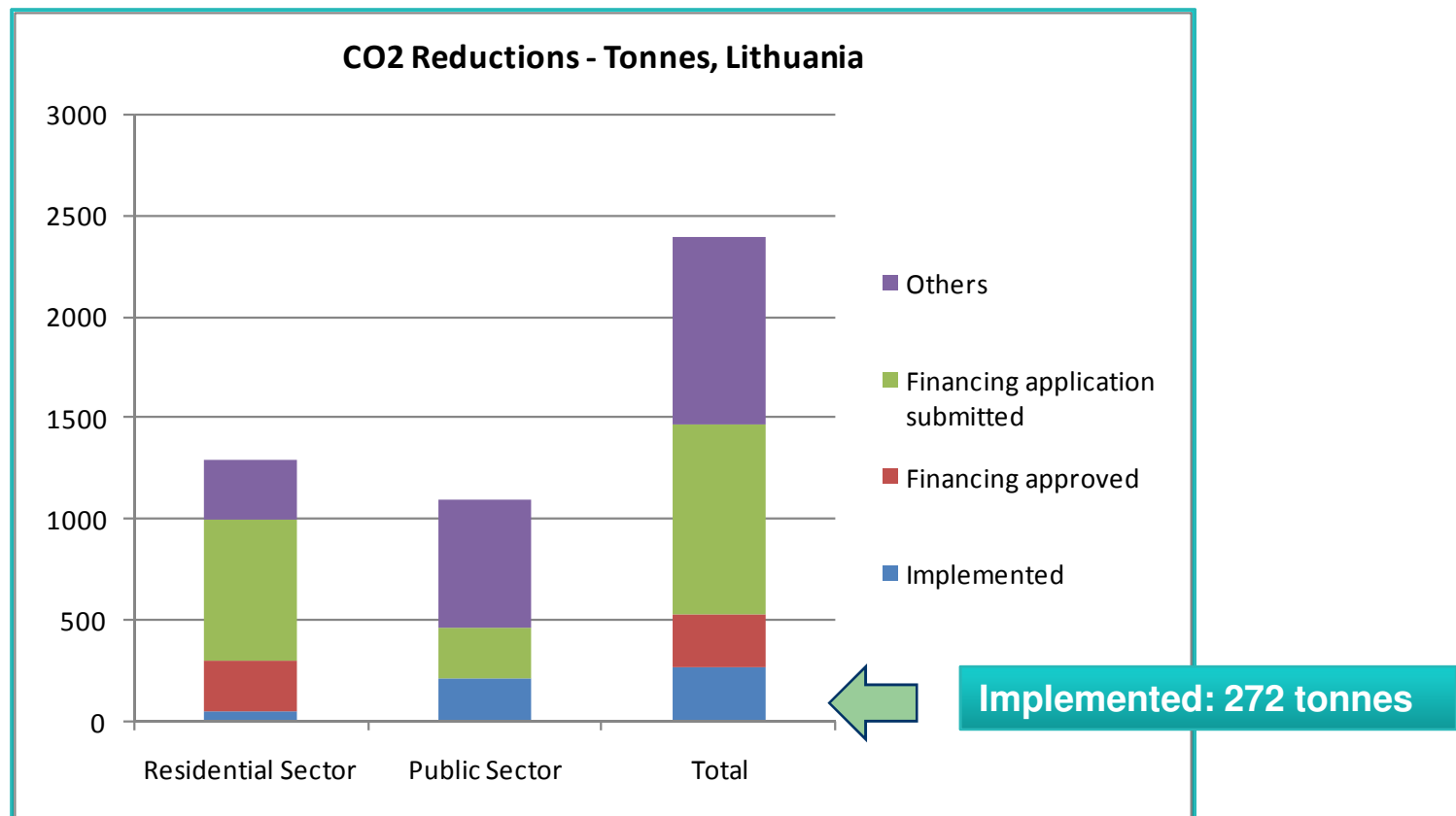


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Countries	Residential sector	Public sector	Private sector	Total number of projects
Lithuania	36	7	0	43
Latvia	24	0	0	24
Poland	13	21	0	34
Czech Republic	0	20	0	20
Crete	4	2	9	15
Total	<b>77</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>136</b>
	<b>57%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>100%</b>

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CO2 reductions in the 136 projects: **Approx. 7,600 tonnes**



## ClearSupport: State of the action

- In parallel with supporting project preparation, the PSFs and supporting partners are working on **improving the framework conditions and adopting tools** that can make the PSF operations even more efficient
  - RUE in Building Framework
  - RUE in Building Design
  - Financing Schemes



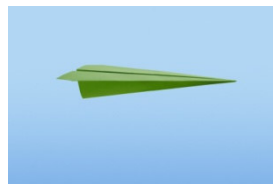
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- ❑ The success of the PSF activities is largely depending on the availability of financing
- ❑ The PSF activities has ensured
  - that the number of applications to the available financing programmes has accelerated; and
  - that financing applications are of sufficient quality thereby
    - reducing front-up costs, as well as
    - the time needed to consider applications



## ClearSupport: Perspectives & Next steps

- ClearSupport offers a **systematic approach on initiating building renovation projects** that can help fulfilling EC and MS goals in the field
- ⇒ The project team has started on an **evaluation of the PSF's impact** in terms of initiating projects and improving framework conditions in order to **extract lessons learnt & provide input to the formulation of future policies and support programmes**
- ⇒ Based on the experience obtained in the course of action **the Clearinghouse mechanism/PSF concept will be fine-tuned**
- ⇒ In parallel with this, the project team will **intensify its dissemination efforts to encourage the replication in other regions** and exploring how the structures for wider spread of the concept can be put in place



**Thank you for your attention !**

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