

## Operational Program (OP) Infrastructure & Environment, in Poland Axis 9.4 – Production of energy from renewable resources.

### **Beneficiaries:**

Companies, as well as regions and local administration institutions and churches.

### **Types of projects:**

- Wind mills' farms
- Water electricity plant up to 10MW power
- Biomass or biogas electricity plant
- Geothermal heat plant
- Installation of solar panels
- Exclusion: no support for technologies of co-burning of conventional resources with biomass and biogas cogeneration technology or investment in installations of communal waste burning (these are supported by different axes).

### **Finance:**

Maximum grant support is 40 million PLN per project

Minimal value of the project: 20 millions of PLN (but for water or biomass/biogas installations the minimum limit is 10 millions of PLN).

### **Subsidies:**

The investment might be supported in form of “regional aid” or “horizontal aid”.

In case of region aid, the „New investment” is supported from 50% to 30% of total eligible costs – depending on regional aid map.

In case of horizontal aid, the “environment investment” is supported up to 65% of total eligible costs (for small company), up to 55% of total eligible costs (for medium company), 45% of total eligible costs (for large, non- SME company).

Large companies (not –SMEs) can refund costs of purchasing the patents, know-how, licenses up to 50% their costs.

SMEs can refund the costs of project preparation up to 50% the preparation costs. These costs must be result of external consulting.

### **Other infos:**

- Eligible cost categories are: land purchasing, preparations, purchase of equipment, building and construction costs, intangible assets (know-how), connection to general network.

- In case of non-SME companies the incentive effect must be proved. That means that at least of following must be proved: significant increase in the size of the project, significant increase in coverage of the project, significant increase in the total amount spent by the beneficiary for project, significant acceleration of the completion of the project or activity. In the case of regional investment aid, can be also proved that in the absence of assistance project would not have been achieved in a given area of assistance.

### **Upcoming Call:**

Nearest call is planned on III or IV quarter of 2009 .

Previous call (finished in April 2009) and was of total budget of 742 millions of PLN (for this individual call). Total allocation of EU Funds for Axis 9.4 is 418,86 millions of EUR.

### **List of the required documents needed together with the application form:**

- Feasibility study (is like business plan + cost benefits analysis, methodology of calculation of indicators) – presented in the structure, given by the Call)
- Location maps (localization in scope of region and in direct surrounding).
- Realization plan – in form of *Gantt Chart*
- **List of official conditions for connecting to the general network (if applies)**
- Company registration documents
- Declaration on public aid beneficiary eligibility and information on scope of the aid received so far.
- Declaration on public aid beneficiary eligibility and information on scope of *de minimis* aid

### **Additional documents (to be applied voluntary – in order to reach more points during the evaluation):**

- Documents showing that the applicant has the finance sources to realize the project (bank loan promise, leasing promise, cash, any other documents presenting the funds in form of loans, credit, cash, ect ). Bank loan or leasing should be presented as example form, supplied by the Implementing Body (IB = applicant)
- Legally binding building permission or if not applies, declaration as example form supplied by IB.
- Legally binding “environment decision” or, if not applies or declaration as example form supplied by IB.
- Technical documentation – extract from approved building project - in form of one page enclosing introduction and description of the project.

### **List of documents needed at the moment of signing the subsidy contract**

- Applicants declaration on scope of the changes arose from the moment of application supply – this is made in form of list of the changes.
- Feasibility study – update, if it applies.
- **Copy of the Environment impact assessment documentation.**
- Declaration of the institution responsible for monitoring of *Natura 2000*.
- Company registration documents – updated, if applies.

- Any other documents where changes might apply, since the moment of filing the application - updates, if it applies.
- Additionally, companies must supply copy of the finance documents for the last 3 closed finance years and closed quarters of the ongoing finance year.  
Depending on the company type these are:
  - finance reports with cash flows, and if applies with the auditor opinion
  - benefits and loses report and balance sheet.
  - copies of the CIT declaration certified by the Taxing Office along with company registration documents.
- If it was not supplied on the moment of the application or if the situation has changed since the moment of application, the applicant must also supply:
  - Proves of own financial input (credit loans promises, cash, others).
  - Account number for interim payments transfers.
  - Copy of technical documentation (in form of first page – as described above).
  - Legally binding building permissions, first and last page of “Building Process Diary” if the constructions have started.
- Applicant must prove the legal title to the ground where project will be realized – it can be either any form of owner’s right document or perpetual lease, tenancy, leasehold, renting or any kind of agreement/contract, that enables the sustainability of the project for 5 years (or for SMEs 3 years) after the implementation ending.
- Applicant declaration of possession the rights to implement the project and carry on the building process.
- Copy of concession or concession promise (if applicable – depending of the project type)
- Copy of legally bonding conditions for connection to general network.
- Results of the finished “wind power assessment” (if applies).
- Public funds aid declarations and information.
- Project realization plan (project finance plan and list of planed applications for interim payments).
- List of planed project effect indicators.
- The answer of the European Commission upon it earlier notification – if applies, due to the project size.

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