



# SME POWER

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## ECO Fund – Energy Audits, Energy management system

Name

**LEA Spodnje Podravje**

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# GP Description

= non-refundable financial incentives (de minimis) for carry out an energy audit of the building, processes and transport in that company or to introduce an energy management system

- **ENERGY AUDIT**

- The basis for creating a strategy in the filed of energy use
- the basis for deciding on investments according to priority in terms of risk, payback period and complexity.

- **ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

- accordance with the SIST EN ISO 50001 standard
- establish systems and procedures to improve energy efficiency, perform systematic energy management
- reduce energy costs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions

# GP Description

## AIM

**to encourage the implementation of an energy audit in companies**

- ➔ to familiarize the company with the existing energy use profile
- ➔ to identifying and evaluating cost-effective energy saving potentials
- ➔ to introduce the use of modern technologies to improve energy efficiency
- ➔ to increase employee awareness, company competitiveness and environmental benefits

## GRANT

**50 %** of the eligible costs of carrying out an energy audit, excluding VAT

➔ TOTAL - **300.000 EUR** available



# GP Description

## ELIGIBILITY

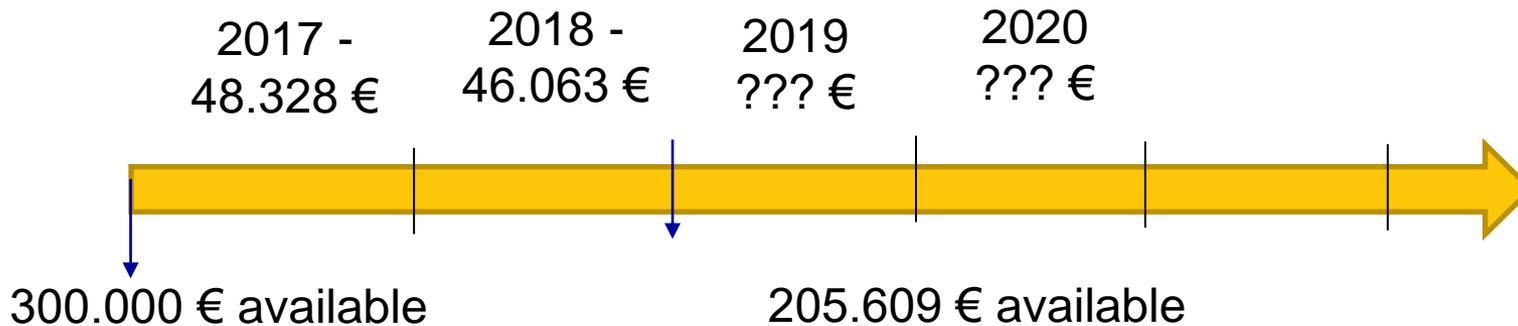
- ✓ costs of an Energy audit or the implementation of an energy management system and obtaining the SIST EN ISO 50001 certificate.
  - Enough time to carry out an energy audit – **1 year** after signing the contract.
  - Payment of co-financing follows after the energy audit is completed



# GP Description

## TIME

- Ongoing – till the funds are available



2017 = 9 applications received co-financing

2018 = 10 applications received co-financing



# GP Description

## STAKEHOLDERS

- The ones that carry out the energy audits
  - Energy agencies
  - Technologic processes experts
  - Other relevant experts
- SMEs with chambers of commerce



competence of energy auditors given in EU standard EN16247-5

## Dissemination

- Not as efficient (small amount SMEs granted)
- Published on website and social media
- Announce at the events
- Energy auditors directly reaching SMEs

# GP Description

## SUCCESS

- **Energy audits are the basis for implementing energy efficiency measures, that can reduce SMEs energy consumption:**
  - up to **10 %** with no or little investment, like monitoring of energy consumption, or changing to LED light bulbs and similar
  - or up to **40 %** with higher investments (facade, windows replacement, etc).
- **Energy audit is mandatory if SME wants to apply for other subsidies, as for instance replacement of production machinery**
- **Energy management = positive financial effects and represents the company's operation in the direction of sustainable development**

# GP Description

## TRANSFERABILITY

- Energy audits in the private sector usually represent a quite high cost for companies and therefore they hardly decide for an audit. In this context the ECO Fund offers a great opportunity.
- Energy audits could be a part of other support
- Financing can be transferred



# GP Description

## Financing

- ECO Fund is a public fund (owned by the state) specialized in providing financial incentives for environmental investments – in this case for energy audits. Source of Funding of ECO fund:
  - Energy suppliers of electricity, heat, gas and liquid or solid fuels are required to achieve savings according to the Regulation on the provision of energy savings = *Energy suppliers charge energy efficiency contributions (charged on the monthly bill) to end-users. This amount is transferred (on monthly basis) to the ECO Fund, which finances investments to achieve energy savings.*



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# Thank you!

Questions welcome



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