

European Commission Technical Assistance Facility

Purpose

To raise the awareness of municipalities for lowering or even neutralizing their carbon footprint, the European Commission provided eeef with a technical assistance facility (EC TA Facility). This facility aims to accelerate investments in the fields of energy efficiency, small-scale renewable energy and clean urban transport.

The EC TA Facility supports its beneficiaries, which can only be public entities, in developing their green project ideas further by providing grants for up to 90% of the total development costs, subject to subsequent partial financing by eeef.

The technical assistance grants aim to facilitate the implementation of projects by supporting the preparation of feasibility studies, business plans and tendering processes, etc.

Activities

By 31 December 2014 the fund had provided technical assistance funds to 16 public authorities for their project development activities to the total sum of € 14.2 m.

Please see below for the technical assistance projects:

1. Ore Valley Housing Association (Scotland) – decentralised district heating powered by biomass
2. City of Santander (Spain) – public lighting, building retrofit
3. City of Córdoba (Spain) – public lighting, building retrofit
4. Rhône-Alpes (France) – building retrofit
5. Cabildo of La Palma (Spain) – public lighting, building retrofit, clean urban transport
6. Ringkøbing-Skjern (Denmark) – decentralised district heating powered by biomass
7. City of Marbella (Spain) – public lighting, building retrofit, photovoltaic

Total volume of technical assistance grants allocated since the fund's inception

€ 14,160,857.15m