

PRESS RELEASE

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Within the 2001-2002 OPET project, the activities of OPET Romania ENERO were directed to support the European policy in terms of improving energy efficiency, increasing the diversity of supply and broadening the use of renewable energy sources in Romania.

As Romania is supposed to join the EU in 2007, a special concern was given to improve the national energy framework and harmonisation with EU strategies and to increase awareness of the Romanian decisional bodies on the European acquis in non nuclear energy and transport, as part of the accession process.

The analysis and dissemination of the Community Acquis on energy & transport aspects, were intended to facilitate the incorporation of the Acquis into national legislation and strategy.

ENERO was leader of the international action *Promotion of TPF/ESCO and stimulation of industrial enterprises to co-operate at EU level to adopt results of RUE projects*, with the assistance of HECOPET (LDK),

In 10 other international work packages, ENERO acted as partner:

- *TPF/ESCO for RUE technologies in buildings* (with OPETs Austria and Hungary);
- *Promotion of mini and small sized CHP* (with OPET Slovenia, OPET Balkan, OPET SEED);
- *Promotion of energy efficiency in energy intensive industrial sectors in Romania* (leader HECOPET-LDK);
- *Promotion of RES actions addressed to mass-media professionals* (leader SODEAN);
- *Promotion of Small hydro power* (with Arctic OPET, ADEME, BSR OPET, OPET CR, OPET CAUCASUS, OPET BAVARIA AUSTRIA, OPET CIS);
- *Assessment of the technical and economical potential of wind energy- the Black Sea coast* (with HECOPET-CRES, Balkan OPET);
- *Trans-European Biofuel Transportation Analysis* (leader OPET Slovakia);
- *E-bulletin North-South information exchange on RES best practices* (leader OPET Sweden);
- *Rural electrification on the third countries based on PV* (leader Cross Border OPET Bavaria Austria);
- *International co-operation- Business brokerage mission assessing biodiesel manufacturing possibilities* (leader OPET Hungary).

An important impact manifested the three seminars for the presentation of European and national policy documents:

- *Green Paper on security of energy supply* (Bucharest, 11 October 2001), invited Mr. Johannes Matters, counsellor to DG TREN;
- *White Paper on transport energy efficiency* (Bucharest, 26 November 2001);
- *National Strategy for Romanian Energy Development* (Bucharest. 6 November 2001).



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In line with the ENERO mission,- to promote the European acquis in energy-, ENERO performed for a Romanian client the study *The Community Acquis- a criterion for energy forecast analysis and for evaluation of energy policies measures*. The national R&D programme financed in 2002 as well, the ENERO study *Adoption of the European acquis on renewables*.

Important follow-ups were that OPET ENERO built end 2002 a proposal on how to adopt the 2001/77/EC Directive on RES in Romania and was asked by the Ministry of Industry and Resources to contribute to the elaboration of a governmental strategy on RES promotion in Romania, to be issued early 2003.

In order to cover also the transport aspects at professional level, ENERO initiated a permanent partnership with the National Research Institute for Transport – INCERTRANS who performed for ENERO specific studies on transport aspects as : *The ferry-boat transport between Romania and Georgia*.



Bright future for glorious past: discussing with OPET colleagues from Norway, Georgia, Austria, Russia, France and Romanian stakeholders on the RES small hydro power future. Location: the SHP station Sinaia, in operation with original equipment since 1896.

A successful effort was developed on the Small Hydro Power work package. Within this WP, comprehensive works for a Romanian SHP database and a feasibility study for two identified relevant SHP plants were performed. An international workshop was organised in Targoviste, 18-21 April 2002, with the participation of other 5 OPET collaborators.

Within the international WPs other successful events were organised as:

- *Promotion of information through mass-media in the field of RES, Targoviste, 17 May 2002, including a visit to the Photo Voltaic Amphitheatre of the Targoviste University.*
- *Assessment of wind energy use on the Black Sea Coast, Constanta, 28 May 2002*
- *Promoting the energy efficiency projects. Third part financing, Bucharest, 24 May 2002*
- *Training course Energy efficiency in the food industrial sector in Romania, Bucharest, 21-13 May 2002, with participation of LDK, Greece.*

During the 2001-2002 OPET project, the impact of ENERO activities increased, while at the same time the ENERO status as OPET member registered a better visibility at national and international level. The Romanian Ministry of Education and Research, the Electricity and Heat Regulatory Authority-ANRE, the UN Industrial Development Organisation asked collaborative activities. Under the general commitment towards the country EU accession, ENERO become a permanent valuable partner for specific actions developed by the Ministry of Industry and Resources and the Ministry of Water and Environment Protection.

No doubt, the ENERO work within the OPET network, may be considered as a contribution to the general efforts addressing the Romanian energy sector to follow the European course.