

Support of the Institutional Structures for the Promotion of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency “Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Technical Assistance (REETA)”



Goal:

Regional and National Actors in the areas of Renewable Energies and Energy Efficiency increasingly comply with the political, organizational and technical demands of a growing market in the Caribbean.

Duration and Contract Value:

From 09/2012 until 08/2016 (4 Years)

5,02 M EUR

Partner Structure:

The executing organization on the regional level is the CARICOM-Secretariat. The CARICOM-Secretariat has taken over the task of coordinating the implementation of the process and supporting member states with its implementation.

Countries: All CARICOM Member States and the Dominican Republic

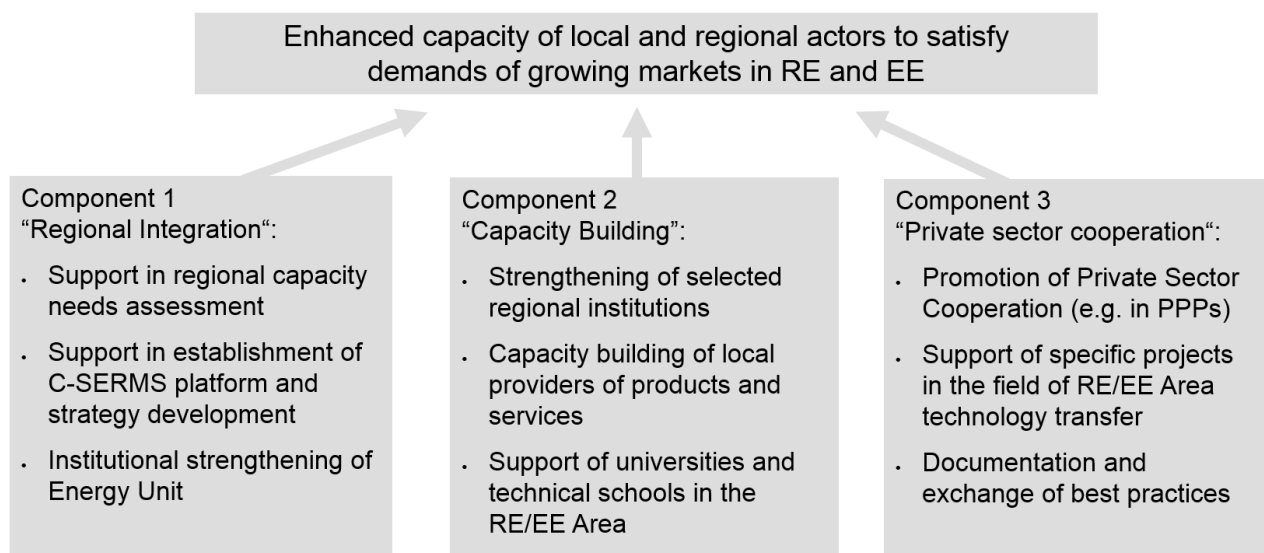
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Abstract

The Caribbean countries are heavily dependent on fossil fuels for energy production. More than 95% of commercial energy consumption in the Region is based on mineral oil products. This leads to a high debt ratio in most states through imports of minerals as well as a comparatively very high cost of generating electricity. This is why various programs for the promotion of sustainable energy systems have been carried out in past years. A heavily increasing demand for Renewable Energies and Energy Efficient Technologies is expected whereas a region wide coverage and successful implementation of the projects cannot be recognized at this time. The Regional and National Players in the area of Renewable and Energy Efficiency still struggle to cope with the political, organizational and technical demands of a growing market.

The technical cooperation, on a macro level, supports the improvement of the regional and political general framework for Renewable Energies and Energy Efficiencies and strengthens the Energy Unit of the Secretariat of the Caribbean Community of States (CARICOM) in its coordinating role. On the meso level, the technical and institutional capacities of regional technical institutes are further enhanced and their networking extended. Additionally, the expansion of training and continuing education offerings in the area of Renewable Energies and Energy Efficiency is supported at Universities and Technical Schools. On the micro level, pilot projects are implemented as best practice cases to promote their replication. Herewith, the project contributes to the security of energy supply and to stable long-term energy costs in the Caribbean.



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