



The GIZ and Renewable Energy Sources (RES) in South Europe

Bruno Wilhelm – GIZ Project Manager



Who is the GIZ?

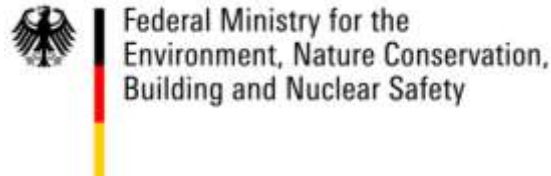
- Leading **provider of international cooperation services for sustainable development.**
- Sole shareholder: **Federal Republic of Germany.**
- Operations in Germany and **over 130 countries** around the world.
- **17,139 employees** worldwide.
- Commissioned by **300 public and private-sector bodies** in Germany and abroad.
- Business volume of more than EUR **2.1 billion** in 2015.
- Main commissioning party: the **German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).**



How the GIZ works

Implements programmes and measures with local and international partners in the frame of cooperation agreements between the German and the partner government.

Commissioners for GIZ projects are:



INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE INITIATIVE (IKI)

The international Climate initiative supports climate and biodiversity projects in developing and newly industrialising countries.

Capacity Development for Climate Policy in the Western Balkan, Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia (Phase II)



Capacity Development for Climate Policy in the Western Balkan, Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia (Phase II)

Commissioner:

Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety

Term:

10/2013 - 02/2017

Where:

Western Balkan, Central and eastern Europe and Central Asia (19 countries in total).
57 Projects implemented in the current Project Phase.

Programme Objectives:

- To consolidate the bilateral dialogue on Climate Policy of the BMUB and the partner countries
- To identify challenges in climate policy and ways to address these in the partner countries
- To give impulses for the improvement of the framing conditions in which measures for climate protection are taking place



Cooperation with IRENA

„Review of Renewable Power Potential in Energy Community Countries” Study

- Supported by “Capacity Development for Climate Policy in the Western Balkan, Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia (Phase II)” in the Frame of the **International Climate initiative of the BMUB**.
- Study to support the development of RES in the EnC Countries by providing extensive and solid data on the RES potential.
- AIM: to advise the energy community countries on their national renewable energy targets and to optimise existing strategies
- Part of wider effort to close the data gap on renewable energies in the region, to support the UNECE and to support the political dialogue on renewable energies



Context of cooperation with IRENA:

Support the UNECE Group of Experts on Renewable Energies (GERE) of the Committee on Sustainable Energy (CSE): Closing the Data Gap

IRENA: Review of Renewable Power Potential in EnC Countries (2016)
Advise the EnC countries on their national REs targets and optimise existing strategies by identifying their potential of RES.

REN 21: UNECE Renewable Energy Status Report (2015)
Overview of current RES deployment in the UNECE Region. Quantifying RES production, EE markets, energy policies and regulations and Investments.

DENA: Status and Perspectives for RES Development in the UNECE Region (2016)
Identifying challenges in developing Renewable Energies and potential ways to overcome these



AIMS.

- Strengthen a neutral platform for political dialogue on RES.
- Dismantle policy, financial and investment barriers to RES.



Thank You!

Bruno Wilhelm – GIZ Project Manager

[Bruno.wilhelm@giz.de](mailto:bruno.wilhelm@giz.de)

Ilka Starrost – Project Manager Capacity
Development for Climate Policy in the Western
Balkan, Central and Eastern Europe and Central
Asia (Phase II)

[Ilka.starrost@giz.de](mailto:ilka.starrost@giz.de)