



Press News

ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE) launches call for proposals. The current call is open from 31 May to 10 August 2014

ECREEE, Praia, Cabo Verde, 31 May 2014 – The ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE), based in Praia, Cabo Verde, has launched the second call of the ECOWAS Renewable Energy Facility (EREF). The second call of the facility targets the implementation of renewable energy powered mini-grids and the establishment of a management, operation and maintenance system in rural and peri-urban areas of West Africa. The call is open for submissions from 31 May to 10 August 2014. Local and international applicants are invited to submit proposals in English, French or Portuguese in accordance with the guidelines available at the ECREEE website (www.ecreee.org/eref2).

Proposals covering one or more ECOWAS countries are eligible. The Facility provides a maximum of 200.000 Euro per project, with a range of different renewable energy technologies being eligible for funding - hybrid mini-grids where renewable energy contributes to a significant amount of the electricity produced are also eligible.

By means of the Facility, ECREEE will be contributing to the implementation of the ECOWAS/UEMOA White Paper for Energy Access in Peri-urban and Rural Areas and to the ECOWAS Renewable Energy Policy (EREP). The White Paper foresees that at least 20% of new investment in electricity shall originate from renewable sources and calls for the establishment of an innovation fund to raise funding for at least 200 demonstration projects, while the EREP defines a 22% target by 2020 for off-grid (mini-grids and stand alone) share of rural population served from renewable energy. The Facility also contributes to the achievement of the UN Goal on Universal Access to Clean, Reliable and Affordable Energy Services by 2030 and reduction of Greenhouse gas emissions (GHG).

The EREF Second Call for Proposals is supported by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management (BMLFUW), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation and Development (AECID) and the Austrian Development Agency (ADA).

More information for interested media and applicants is available at <http://www.ecreee.org/page/eref2>.

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