

Energy Efficiency Promotion Project

PROJECT SUMMARY

Project title:	Improved quality of life of low-income groups within the OECS region through promoting improved governance and institutional frameworks to support energy efficiency
Partners:	CREDP/GIZ and OECS Secretariat
Participating countries:	Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Budget:	Euro 2.0 Million, financed by EU ACP Energy Facility and German Government
Duration:	24 months (01/01/2012 - 31/12/2013)
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The **main objectives** of the project are

1) *to remove the barriers for the rapid and widespread use of energy-efficient appliances in the low-income domestic, but also in the service sector in the OECS member countries*

2) *to develop or adapt energy efficiency standards and labeling schemes and - where necessary - quality norms for selected electrical appliances and equipment in the OECS region, which can be used as a model throughout the Caribbean.*

At the end of the project, all selected appliances and equipment imported into the OECS shall be subject to energy efficiency standards and labeling. Public awareness on energy efficiency labeling and on energy-efficient products should have increased and national Bureaux of Standards (BoS) in the region should address energy efficiency standards as well as quality issues and possibly execute selective compliance testing.

The project comprises the following **main activities**:

- Determination of energy efficiency standards and labeling programs applicable for targeted appliances in the OECS.
- Establishment of the requirement for energy efficiency standards and labels in OECS regional policies and in national energy policies, together with the necessary legal, institutional and regulatory reforms.
- Building the capacities of BoS in OECS states in the application of the developed quality control procedures as well as monitoring and application of labeling systems.

- Implementation of the concept of quality control, energy efficiency standards and labeling procedures for domestic appliances and equipment in local fabrication, importation and commercialization (dealers) across the region.
- Promotion of the inclusion of energy efficiency incentives into credit facilities for low-income sectors and the poor.
- Launch of a public energy efficiency awareness, sensitization and education program with special emphasis on low-income groups and the poor.