

AD-HOC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT

AHEF No. ARM 30

Project Title

Preparation of Municipality of Yerevan for membership in the Covenant of Mayors

Country (s) Armenia

Timescale for implementation 15 March - 29 May 2010

Beneficiary(s)

Municipality of the city of Yerevan

Main and specific objectives

 The **overall objectives** of the project were

- To assist potential signatories to the Covenant of Mayors (CoM) in understanding the process of preparing their Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAPs) and approaches to addressing challenges.
- To assist potential Covenant signatories in identification of stakeholders of SEAP development process and stakeholders' involvement.
- To support SEAP development.

 The **specific objectives** were (1) Preparation of the ToR for retaining a Green House Gas (GHG) Emissions Inventory specialist within the municipalities (2) Adaptation of existing Covenant of Mayors guidelines for Municipal SEAP to the local context and language (3) Assistance to the municipality in their contacts with donors for a possible grant to finance all or part of the two studies

Results achieved

Following analysis, consultations, data analysis and discussions with the Beneficiary, the SEMISE team of experts came up with 11 major recommendations to be implemented during the first year of CoM membership: (a) designate a team to be responsible for CoM implementation (b) establish a CoM working group that meets several times a year (c) establish a baseline for a given year, e.g. 2006 (d) use Industrial Pollution Prevention Control emission factors (e) examine and adapt the best software tools for GHG calculation (f) make good use of past work by others (g) use carbon markets and related instruments to finance SEAP measures (h) identify other, if possible, regional financing (i) communicate with citizens and stakeholders because timely and correct communication is critical (j) make use of a combination of measures in the SEAP portfolio and finally (k) consider to establish a municipal energy service company to help facilitate financing. In order to **prevent further growth of emissions** until 2020, Yerevan must invest in soft measures at a cost of perhaps EUR 5 million. To **reduce emissions** by about 30% by 2020, the municipality will have to investment an estimated EUR 690 million in already planned and new projects.

Useful information/ relevant documents

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