



## **Responding to Challenges regarding energy efficiency and renewable energy in Mediterranean Buildings**

The Malta Intelligent Energy Management Agency (MIEMA) together with partners from 6 other EU countries (Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Spain and Slovenia) covering the whole Northern Mediterranean seacoast are working together to improve energy efficiency and promote energy saving in low income housing in MED area through the project ELIH-Med - Energy efficiency in Low Income Housing in the Mediterranean. The project implementation in Malta is co-financed by the MED Programme (85%) and the Ministry for Energy and Health (15%).

The ELIH-Med project focuses on energy efficiency in low income housing in the Mediterranean area and on the involvement of the residents in the implementation of a large scale pilot project to improve energy efficiency in low income households in order to help the MED area to reach EU2020 objectives. As part of this pilot project MIEMA carried out energy retrofitting in 35 low income houses in Malta and Gozo.

The main results of the ELIH-Med project and the capitalization activities were joint to two other strategic projects funded by the MED Programme: MARIE and PROFORBIOMED. ELIH-Med, MARIE and PROFORBIOMED represented three examples of how and to what extent EU financial support can encourage low-carbon transition in buildings in the Mediterranean area and promote economic growth and creation of jobs. In fact a Joint Policy Paper prepared as part of the common capitalization strategy between ELIH-Med and MARIE with the aim to improve MED transnational cooperation answers to energy efficiency challenges in buildings has been prepared. The policy paper focuses on the EU2020 energy efficiency targets and delivers recommendations based on the results and lessons learnt through the implementation of the pilots in both projects.

Such activities promote capitalization between different projects and allow the project results to be transposed into further actions that can be carried out by governments. In fact the Joint Policy Paper addresses all the decision-makers in relation to energy efficient in buildings and European territorial cooperation, targeting all administration levels.



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