



Building an Energy Agency in Modena (Bologna), Emilia- Romagna Region, Italy

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The story of the Energy and Sustainable Development Agency (Agenzia per l'Energia e lo Sviluppo Sostenibile)

AESS is a legally recognised non-profit association working on sustainable energy development at territorial level. Founded in 1999 with EU SAVE II support, it acts as in-house technical body for approximately **180 municipalities**. It is located in Emilia-Romagna Region (headquarters in Modena), and conducts activities also in Apulia and Lazio Regions.

AESS supports local governments in drafting and monitoring SECAPs, develops climate strategies and provides technical assistance on PPP, EPC and public investments. Stakeholders include municipalities, regions, EU institutions, citizens, utilities and private operators. For example, AESS supports its associates in building financially sustainable transition steps using EU funds, **regional funds** (FESR, etc), **national programmes** (PNRR, etc), **technical assistance facilities** (ELENA, EEEF, EUCEF).

The **thematic areas** are energy transition, climate action, energy efficiency, renewable energy, energy communities.



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Programme



1999 –
ongoing



Challenges

- **Capacity gaps** in municipalities.
- **Financing** complexity.
- **Regulatory** barriers for Energy Communities.
- Need for **long-term One-Stop-Shop (OSS)** services.



Successes for Replicability

- Strong EU & national **networking** (FEDARENE, RENAEL).
- One-stop-shop (**OSS**) model.
- Integrated technical **assistance & mentoring**.
- **Pilot-based** approach.



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