



Solar panels provide electricity in Ai Quoc commune in northern Vietnam.

EEP offers grants to promote the use of renewable energy, energy efficiency and clean technologies. Its objective is to combat climate change while providing sustainable energy services to those in need.

EEP is based on Calls for Proposals, which are open to public and private entities, research institutions, universities, and civil society organisations. The contribution of the EEP is principally intended to supplement the applicant's own funding and other complementary funding. Proposals for EEP funding can be made for pre-feasibility and feasibility studies, resource surveys, pilot and demonstration projects, strategic studies and policy development.

Dissemination and exchange of information through thematic seminars and web pages is another important mode of EEP operation. Regional EEPs operating on three continents provide good networking opportunities in the field of energy and the environment.



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the Calls for Proposals is available at

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**The Energy and Environment Partnership Program (EEP) promotes renewable energy, energy efficiency and clean technology investments in selected program countries with the twin objectives of providing sustainable energy services to the poor and simultaneously combating climate change.**

**The Program is designed to facilitate the development of innovative ideas, approaches and concepts into sustainable and bankable investment projects that will bring substantial benefits to the partner countries.**

The Program's approach is to support participation of public and private sector stakeholders locally and regionally. The regional nature of the Program allows for a platform for the dissemination of best practices and technology transfer.

The EEP Program has different financing options to support studies, surveys and demonstration projects, policy development, and the dissemination and exchange of information. Projects are identified through calls for proposals. Socio-economic and environmental sustainability, income and employment generation, replicability, and regional cooperation are

among the key criteria when selecting the activities.

Thematic seminars in the field of renewable energy are another important activity of the Program. The seminars, which take place regionally, bring together a significant number of private sector, governmental and non-governmental actors and organisations and serve to disseminate information and increase awareness of the potential of renewable energy sources.

Initiated by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, three regional EEP Programs are now in operation, one in Central America, one in Southern and Eastern Africa and one in the Mekong region. The EEP network provides an excellent framework for networking and north-south and south-south collaboration.



#### **Energy and Environment Partnership - Mekong**

The EEP in the Mekong region will support wider utilisation of local renewable energy resources and efficient use of energy. The energy needs in the region are growing fast and at the same time the countries possess abundant renewable energy sources. The private companies, universities, research centres and other public and private entities can play an important role in better utilising these resources.

#### **Geographical coverage**

Eligible countries are Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Vietnam. The Program supports both national and regional projects and promotes business partnerships between partner countries and organisations.

#### **Who can apply**

Public and private organisations, universities, research centres, NGOs, municipalities and other similar entities are eligible to apply for funding. Regional cooperation is preferred. To enhance technology transfer, cooperation between donor countries and local project developers is encouraged.

#### **Funding mechanism**

EEP - Mekong provides seed money to a variety of renewable energy,

clean technology and energy efficiency activities. The EEP contribution is principally a supplement to the applicant's own funding. However, in certain situations, it may cover up to 100% of the total cost of a project. Two Calls for Proposals will be organised annually.

The EEP - Mekong Regional Coordination Unit is situated on the premises of the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT). The unit is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Program. National Coordination Units will assist the project developers in the partner countries. Decisions are made in the Steering Committee, where all partner countries and donors are represented.

The funding for the period 2009-2012 of EUR 7.9 million is provided by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland and the Nordic Development Fund (NDF).

#### **How to apply**

The Regional Coordination Unit in Bangkok and National Co-ordination Units in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam will provide assistance for potential proponents on how to apply. As the first step, a project profile is submitted for evaluation. If successful, the proponent is requested to elaborate a full proposal. The Project Concept/ Proposal Form is available on [www.eepmekong.org](http://www.eepmekong.org).