

Summary

The CTI-Investors Forum aimed at presenting potential JI and CDM projects in Southern and Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia to interested investors and providing a platform for a business-to-business dialog amongst project owners and investors. The presentations and discussions were embedded into discussions of important current matters of JI/CDM project identification and development as well as of possibilities of future implementation of Green Investment Schemes.

The Forum focused on Southern and Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia because total potential of the Kyoto flexible mechanisms in these regions has not been explored so far. Especially countries in the Caucasus and Central Asia are not yet making full use of their JI/CDM potential. Thus, the objective of the CTI-Investors Forum was not only to provide these countries with the opportunity to present potential projects but also to catch up on possibilities of financing and implementing project activities. For this reason as much as possible of the potentially involved actors from the countries were invited to participate in the forum, among them project owners, consultants, representatives from DNAs and DFPs and multipliers as energy agencies. At the same time, technology providers, project developers, investors and financial institutions from IEA member states joined the Forum.

In total, more than 50 CDM and JI projects were presented during the forum in Leipzig that was organized by the German Energy Agency on behalf of Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU). About 70 representatives from Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Ukraine and Uzbekistan participated in the conference.

The Forum was divided in two parts, including workshops and plenary sessions. During two parallel workshops projects were presented with a special focus on energy efficiency and renewable energy. Critical issues concerning the projects and project types were discussed but also positive feedbacks were given by interested investors and other project owners. Additionality aspects as well as selection and development of appropriate methodologies turned out to be crucial for further development and implementation of many of the presented projects. In addition, opportunities of a programmatic approach for certain project types, especially in the field of biogas, had been discussed. This project type was presented by several countries and considerable similarities were identified.

The plenary sessions offered the opportunity to learn more in general about issues concerning the Kyoto flexible mechanisms. Among others, the status of CDM and JI use in Germany, Kyoto implementation and CDM/JI perspectives in several countries, development of methodologies and experiences of DNAs and DOEs were discussed. A special plenary session was dedicated to conditions and possibilities of project financing, which is also one of the key barriers for many projects, especially smaller ones. The last plenary session dealt with the perspectives of Green Investment Schemes in different countries. In some of the countries, for example Ukraine, Belarus

and Lithuania, plans for using this opportunity are currently being developed. Conditions and criteria for GIS, however, need to be discussed further.

Project and plenary presentations as well as interesting discussions and intensive bilateral meetings guaranteed the exchange of views and experiences among project owners and investors. New business opportunities were offered to the participating investors, project developers and technology suppliers. In addition, the forum provided an interesting opportunity also for exchange of experiences and knowledge between the participants from the host countries and resulted in additional capacity building. The project presentations as well as the introductions and statements concerning the overall JI/CDM related situation in the participating host countries gave investors a good insight and useful information for their strategic selection and approach of the host countries in the presented regions.

CTI as host of the Forum aimed at helping to initiate new projects in the region as well as to support project matching. The Forum can be seen as first step towards that goal. During all three conference days investors, project owners and developers met for bilateral meetings and intensive discussions on possible cooperation.