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Topic / title of the proposed project

Project to capitalise on experiences of the development of wood energy installations and diffuse the information throughout Europe (Leader project)

Initial position / background / local context of the proposed project

The Local Action Group "Confluences around Verdon" is situated in the South East of the French Alps. There is an important forestry resource, as woods cover 54% of the area. The elected representatives of the territory have decided to encourage the development of wood energy because of the vast potential of the forests and the great demand for heating in the long winter period.

It is difficult to build up a knowledge base and a wood energy culture that would boost the spread of wood chip installations, because of the rarity of these facilities that could serve as examples. Allied with a constant need for adaptation to the terrain, to the natural risks of the area and vastly different habitats, the start-up phase is often problematic.

In order to help the local decision makers to choose wood chip energy, (elected representatives, professionals and inhabitants), it would be useful, as well as having specialised technical and commercial data, to be able to show from working examples that :

- Wood energy is developing throughout Europe (a guarantee of the future of wood chip boilers)
- To each particular situation or physical configuration, there is always a technical and financial solution... There are no problems, only solutions for those who favour wood energy !

... All this, to promote the energy of the future !

Proposed objectives / activities

- The setting up of a delegation from each participating Local Action Group
- The recruitment of a consulting agency to lead the project and coordinate the actions locally
- The selection of representative examples of boilers already in place in different European countries, with visits and investigations, especially in the countries the furthest developed in this type of structure.
- The synthesis of general information collated (the level of development of the use of wood energy per country visited,...) and case studies
- The elaboration and diffusion of a document containing the European examples studied.

Country and/or kind of partner you are looking for

For this project of cooperation, we are looking for Local Action Groups throughout Europe which are in the start-up phase of wood energy projects.

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