

Dear IEE NCP,

I write you from Gruppo Impresa, Italy, and I would like to express our interest in participating in Intelligent Energy Europe proposals. I would like to ask you to forward our collaboration offer to eventually interested organisations in your Country. Being a National Contact Point surely several partner search requests arrive to you, among which there might be some project ideas which would be happy to involve an Italian partner. Please find here a short description of our organisation:

GRUPPO IMPRESA FINANCE (GIF) is a North-Italian financial and management consulting company (SME) located in Brescia, specialised among others in project setting up and project management. We have an **Energy, Environment and Regional Development Division** which is one of our most active and successful divisions. It focuses on environment protection, energy saving, new and renewable energy sources, syndicated technology and regional development and has been constantly growing in terms of successful European and national projects and events. This division is in strict collaboration with the **EU Projects Division** when the projects are European level ones. We offer professional **consultancy** regarding regional, national and EU project feasibility, development and management, RTD project co-ordination, dissemination of results and technology transfer actions to companies (in particular SMEs), public utilities, local authorities, universities and research centres for complete project management. Having worked on a lot of energy related projects we have accumulated remarkable experience and networks of contacts and partners related to these fields.

We also **participate** in EU projects in the frame of which **we carry out assessment, feasibility and state-of-the-art studies, technology transfer and dissemination actions and organise/manage trainings and events**. As IEE is a promotion and information oriented programme, several topics can be of our interest, and we are willing to participate in energy actions which need to be supported on a local (Italian) level by an Italian partner.

Our team consists of highly qualified professionals coming from diversified competency fields which enables us to cover quite a wide range of topics.

REFERENCES: We have about 500 active clients in Italy and 3800 projects realized during our activity in Italian and in European contest, and we have participated in more than 50 EU projects and obtained contributions for more than 22.000 mEuro, in programmes like: Brite, Jop, Ecip, Espirit FUSE, EIB, Ceca, Tide, Espirit ESD, Esprit ESD, LIFE, Thermie, Altener II, EESD, GROWTH, FP5, FP6 and IEE. We have several past experiences on local-regional-national energy projects. **Actually we are partners in two IEE projects (REDUBAR - IEE 2005, about biogas, and GEOSS - IEE 2006 in negotiation, about geothermal heat pumps), and we are management consultants of the lead partner of SMART - IEE 2006 in negotiation, about minihydro applications.**

This time *we do not intend to promote an IEE project ourselves, but* we are interested in participating and we would be happy to join actions which could fit our expertise.

Therefore, should you come across some suitable project ideas in the phase of establishing a consortium, please don't hesitate to contact me or to forward our profile to the partner searching organisation!

Thank you very much for your attention, best regards,

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