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Title of meeting:	La direttiva europea sull'efficienza degli usi finali dell'energia e i servizi energetici: lezioni apprese dalle attuali esperienze europee sulla progettazione di nuove politiche per il raggiungimento degli obiettivi di risparmio energetico stabiliti dalla direttiva.
Date:	December 5, 2006
Venue:	Politecnico di Milano, Italy
Time:	14:00 – 18:30
Organizers:	eERG – Politecnico di Milano
Number of participants	18

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Response to presentations

Various points for discussion were raised during the presentations. Basically the interest of participants mainly focused on 1) the new policy instruments and the modifications to the existing instruments that are going to be implemented by the Italian policy makers thanks to the new financial act approved by the Italian government; 2) Various aspects related to the evaluation of energy savings and policy instrument implementation approach in the light of AID-EE project results presented.

Summary of discussion points

In particular main discussion points related to 1) Future scenarios for energy consumption; 2) Energy saving potentials available in Italy and at the European level; 3) Actions required by the EU directive on end-use energy efficiency and energy services; 4) lessons learnt from AID-EE project on energy efficiency (EE) policy implementation and evaluation; 5) EE policy instruments in place or in course of implementation in Italy and their possible contribution for the achievement of the 9% saving target; 6) AID-EE evaluation approach applicability to such instruments.

A package of policy instruments will be implemented in Italy during 2007. The representative of the Minister of Economic Development participating in the workshop pointed out that tax deductions due to measures related to building thermal insulation, installation of solar thermal panels and highly efficient boilers will be increased to 55% of measure installation costs. A fund to finance the construction of highly efficient buildings (i.e. consuming less than one half of the energy used by buildings complying with the regulation presently in place), subsidies for A+ and A++ cold appliances, fiscal incentives for VSDs and efficient electric industrial motors, tax reduction on Gpl, incentives for gas-fueled cars will be introduced as well. Despite such intensification of activities on energy efficiency, the attention dedicated to the monitoring and evaluation of various policy instruments during their design and implementation phases appears still quite low. One exception to this rather general trend is constituted by the Italian white certificate mechanism that fulfils several of the principles expressed in the AID-EE guidelines on policy instrument monitoring. Such mechanism seems also in line with the principles on energy saving monitoring reported in the EU directive on end-use energy efficiency and energy services, although some not negligible differences in relation to e.g. end-use sectors addressed, eligible measures and unit of measures employed to estimate energy savings achieved through the mechanism do exist. Apparently a clear strategy to comply with the EU directive was not yet drawn in Italy. Nevertheless case studies evaluated in the context of AID-EE project and briefly presented during the workshop seem to have provided useful insights to some of the policy makers and energy policy implementing agents participating in the event.

Overall assessment of workshop

According to the feedbacks received the event organized seems to have fulfilled participant expectations achieving at the same time expected dissemination objectives. In particular the production of specific indicators for the evaluation of the main implementation phases of the



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policy instrument typologies addressed was judged very useful.

Being the amount of information on policy instrument evaluation made available through AID-EE project really huge, the workshop could only directly deal with the main principles and recommendations formulated in relation to some policy instrument typologies analysed focusing in particular on those instruments judged of major interested for the Italian political context (e.g. market based instruments like white certificates and financial/fiscal instruments). The guidelines on policy instrument monitoring were distributed among workshop participants and were presented during the workshop together with the other main project deliverables available on AID-EE project website. These documents will allow workshop participants to go into the details of the topics addressed.