

**COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE
AAAAAAMUNICIPAL COUNCIL
AND
TIPPERARY ENERGY AGENCY LTD.**

XXXXXXXXXXXXX, XX XXXXXXX 2006

The Parties to the present Framework Agreement,

Mr./Mrs. _____, as Mayor of the **AAAAAAAAAA** Municipal Council, and by virtue of the powers conferred upon him/her.

Mr. Seamus Hoyne, as Managing Director of the Tipperary Energy Agency, located in Cahir, Co. Tipperary and by virtue of the powers conferred upon him/her.

Both parties respectively acknowledge their sufficient competence and capacity in order to enter into the present COLLABORATION AGREEMENT;

Have agreed as follows:

I. That Tipperary Energy Agency and the **AAAAAAAAAA** Municipal Council enter into the present Collaboration Agreement in order to promote the Rational Use of Energy and as a result an improvement of the environment, in the aforementioned Municipal Council within the framework of the "**ENERinTOWN**" project, co-financed through the "**Intelligent Energy Europe**" programme, project number **EIE/05/118/SI2.419653**.

II. That the European Union, within the multiannual programme **Intelligent Energy Europe 2003-2006 (EIE 2003-2006)**, aimed at supporting Community policies in the field of energy as laid down in the Green Paper dealing with the security of energy supply, in the White Paper dealing with transport and in other related documents, have established the strategic measures directed at:

- Reducing the external energy supply dependence, which has a tendency to increase if measures are not taken. This dependence should be tackled by means of a strategy of security of energy supply based on:
 - The Rational Use of Energy
 - The Promotion of Renewable Energy
 - The Diversification of Energy Sources
 - The Development of Energy Infrastructures
 - International Harmonisation
- Consolidating the competitiveness of businesses and Community institutions which are put at a disadvantage on account of energy costs.
- Harmonising the evolution of energy consumption to environmental objectives (Kyoto) by means of changes in consumer habits.

In order to carry out these objectives, the Intelligent Energy Europe Programme (2003-2006) supports projects under the following fields: **SAVE, ALTENER, STEER** and **COOPENER**.

III. National State Legislation contemplates the establishment of a Renewable Energy Promotion Plan, so that by the year 2010, renewable energy sources will satisfy at least 13.2% of the total energy demand.

IV. The energy structure of the Municipal Administration is strongly dependent on fossil fuels, not only directly but also for the production of electricity.

Various studies carried out in several municipal councils have detected the existence of possible energy saving measures which could achieve savings of above 15%.

V. Various administrations, among them the municipal councils, as relevant energy consumers, must set an example and contribute to the control of energy consumption and to the reduction of the environmental impact caused by its transformation, transport and use.

Both parties, aware of the need to promote measures related to the improvement of Energy Efficiency and the Use of Renewable Energy in the municipal council of **AAAAAAAAAA**, enter into the present Collaboration Agreement.

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1. Objective.

The objective of the present Agreement is to implement a collaboration system between the **AAAAAAAAAA** Municipal Council and Tipperary Energy Agency with regard to energy efficiency within the framework of the “**ENERinTOWN**” project, co-financed through the “**Intelligent Energy Europe**” programme, project number **EIE/05/118/SI2.419653**.

The main objective of the aforementioned project is to reduce the energy consumption of municipal public buildings by means of a continuous monitorisation system for their energy consumption, carried out through the internet, and also by means of the introduction of low cost saving measures and the establishment of minimum standards which will have to be met in all new services or in buildings.

2. Actions

In order to carry out these objectives, the following specific actions will be carried out:

a) Selection of the municipal buildings to be monitored and installation of necessary equipment.

The **AAAAAAAAAA** Municipal Council and Tipperary Energy Agency, agree to

collaborate in order to select the **municipal premises**, whose energy consumption will be monitored through the Internet.

Tipperary Energy Agency agrees to coordinate the installation of an electricity and heat energy consumption data acquisition system in each of the selected buildings, and to send this data via the Internet to the control centre, which Tipperary Energy Agency will select beforehand.

If any of the premises requires an Internet connection, the cost of such a connection will be paid for by Tipperary Energy Agency, and charged to the "[ENERinTOWN](#)" project budget.

All of the data obtained by means of the monitoring system will be used exclusively for statistic purposes and in order to determine comparison patterns between buildings, and the confidentiality of this data is guaranteed.

b) Staff Training.

The **AAAAA** Municipal Council agrees to designate "**Municipal Energy Managers**". These people will be responsible for carrying out the supervision of the monitoring of the selected buildings, as well as for identifying the anomalies and deviations with respect to the previously established reference consumptions. These individuals, along with Tipperary Energy Agency, will also be responsible for the analysis of the possible introduction of energy consumption improvement measures.

The Municipal Energy Managers, will have to attend a training course **given by Tipperary Energy Agency technical staff**, regarding the use of the computer applications which are necessary to monitor the energy consumption of the municipal premises, as well as regarding the specific technical training with regard to energy saving and efficiency issues and to the use of renewable energy sources. The aforementioned training will take place at an appropriate location and will last approximately 20 hours.

c) Municipal energy consumption analysis and proposals for improvements.

In view of the data regarding the monitored consumptions, **Tipperary Energy Agency** together with the Municipal Energy Manager, agree to prepare a **report** for each of the selected premises, in which the **possible actions to develop** will be detailed, in relation to the reduction of their energy consumption.

d) Establishment of proposed improvement measures.

The **AAAAA** Municipal Council agrees to **promote the measures put forward** by Tipperary Energy Agency and aimed at the minimisation of energy consumption in the proposed municipal premises.

e) Analysis of the effectiveness of the measures carried out.

Tipperary Energy Agency agrees to prepare a **report** for each of the selected premises, detailing the **results obtained from the measures carried out**.

3. Agreement Supervision.

In order to verify the correct development of the Agreement, both parties agree to assign a Supervisory Commission made up by two representatives from the **AAAAAAAAAA** Municipal Council and another two representatives from Tipperary Energy Agency. This commission shall ensure the correct fulfilment of the agreement and shall resolve any controversial issues which may arise concerning the interpretation and application of the agreement.

Those issues for which no agreement can be reached by the commission, shall be submitted to the jurisdiction of the administrative litigation office of the Supreme Court.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, being duly authorized, have signed this framework agreement, done at the time and place indicated in the heading, in a double original, each text being equally authentic.

For the AAAAAAAAAA Municipal Council

Mr./Mrs. _____

For Tipperary Energy Agency

Mr. Seamus Hoyne
