

GENERAL DATA



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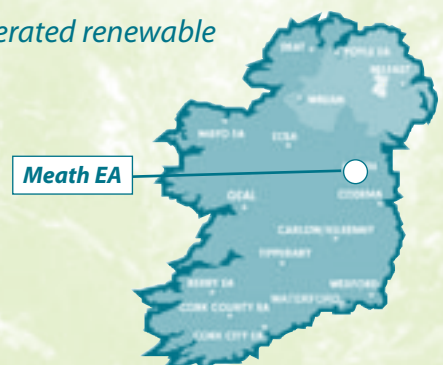
- Rational use of Energy
- Renewable Energy
- Local Authorities

AIMS/OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

- To promote the rational use of energy
- To promote renewable energy
- To provide and disseminate energy information
- To protect the environment
- To reduce waste of energy in all sectors of society
- To encourage replacement of imported fossil fuels with regionally generated renewable energy - in an effort to ensure security of energy supply where feasible

Activities: The 6 programme areas of the agency are:-

- Information Dissemination Programme
- Energy Management Programme
- Local/National/EU/International Collaboration Programmes
- Project Development Programme
- Policy Development Programme
- Education Programme



CASE STUDIES**CASE STUDY N.1****Title:****FOCUS AREA 2 - ENERGY MANAGEMENT****Description:**

The energy agency has gathered baseline information to conduct an energy audit for the Local Authority (Meath Co. Council). The Agency has full support from the Council Manger and is undertaking site visits to all infrastructure operations (water treatment plants, water pumping stations etc). The agency is informing site engineers of energy management issues via PowerPoint presentations at each site, accompanied by walk-through site survey audits. The Agency provides each site manager with a binder file containing survey forms and checklists for the site engineer to complete and report back to the agency.

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CASE STUDY N.2**Title:****FOCUS AREA 4 - ENERGY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT****Description:**

The Energy Agency has progressed from discussions with a local ecological education centre Sonairte in East Meath to redevelop a section of the centre hosting Renewable Energy technology displays, to involving the County Council's Environment Dept. and Special Projects Group (Pride of Place Initiatives) to redevelop the entire seven acre site into a Sustainable Living Education Centre. The Agency has written up a Pre-Feasibility Brief and is now putting the Feasibility Study out to bid for the project. The project involves participation from Sonairte, Meath County Council and the energy agency.

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CASE STUDY N.3**Title:****FOCUS AREA 6 - ENERGY EDUCATION****Description:**

The Energy Agency has developed an education programme of workshops for primary and secondary school students. The workshops involve visiting schools in Co. Meath delivering an energy awareness presentation that lasts approximately one hour per class. In primary schools the students learn about energy issues through interactive demonstration and participating in energy 'Floor Game' (provided by SEI). 'Walking-Bus' ideas are also presented to the students to encourage them and their parents to find out how to set up the schemes in their districts. Co-operation from Meath Co. Council's Road Safety Officer and parent -teacher groups are involved. In secondary schools the workshops are tailored to transition year students and involve taking student on field-study tours to Renewable Energy sites (eg. Wind Farms).

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Strengthening of Energy Agencies Networks in Countries of Europe Together with five other project partners the goal is to further strengthen the position of energy agencies and to contribute to a sustainable energy development across Europe.

