

# **JESSICA** initiative in Italy

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## JESSICA Funds in Italy



During the **2007-2013** programming period, the JESSICA initiative was implemented in three Italian regions (Sardinia, Sicily and Campania).

**3 JESSICA Holding Funds and 6 JESSICA Urban Development Funds** (UDFs) - of which 2 focused on Energy Efficiency - have been established to manage over EUR **300m**:



# **JESSICA Holding Fund Sardinia**



#### Key facts

- Creation: 2011 (EUR 70m)
- Additional contribution: 2015 (EUR 10m)
- Total resources: EUR 80m Two UDFs for urban regeneration and for EE/RE
- **Strategy:** Urban regeneration projects and EE/RE projects promoted by the public sector and PPPs
- Products: debt and equity

#### **Current situation**

- 100% of the funds already allocated to eligible projects
- Full disbursement by June 2016
- 37 projects and over EUR 200m total investments
- Significant employment impact
- The portfolio includes both niche operations (projects of ca. EUR 90,000) and major infrastructure projects (gas networks)





The JESSICA UDF in Sardinia managed by Equiter (Intesa Sanpaolo Group), focused on financing **energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in Sardinia**.

28 projects have been selected amounting to ca. EUR 35m of JESSICA investments and corresponding to CAPEX of ca. EUR 150m.

In 2015 all the resources were allocated to eligible projects. Additional amount of ca. EUR 4m was allocated to the UDF (increase of the fund).

Typically, the projects are of **small amount** and their final recipients are mainly **Local Authorities**.

First repayments already received: revolving instrument.

# The Energy UDF in Sardinia - Leverage effect

#### **Energy UDF Sardinia**



#### 28 beneficiaries financed in the Region

EU contributionRegional Match- Funding

Co-financing

Leverage on EU contribution: ca. 8x

 $Leverage \ effect = \frac{EU \ contribution + Regional \ Match \ funding + Cofinancing}{EU \ contribution}$ 



## The energy project Portfolio in Sardinia Installation of 243kWp solar plants on the

public buildings of the town SINNAI

Conversion of the Porto Torres petrochemical Energy efficiency in a public hospital - NUORO plant in a bio refinery - Matrica Energy efficiency of the school – OLLOLAI (NU) Extraordinary maintenance and efficiency of the Photovoltaic systems on public buildings public lighting in the industrial area of OLBIA -**BALLAO (CA) Consorzio CIPNES** Cogeneration plan, wind power plant, PV plants on 4 public buildings - SEULO (CA) Energy efficiency of the buildings of the CNR Photovoltaic systems on public buildings -Campus in SASSARI **BURGOS (SS) Regualification of public lightning – ERULA (SS)** Sassari Chiaramonti SS Muros SS Photovoltaic systems on public buildings -Cargeghe SS Ozieri SS **ESPORLATU (SS)** Alghero SS Biomass heating system – TONARA (NU) Burgos SS Photovoltaic systems on public buildings -Esporlatu SS **CARGEGHE (SS)** Nuoro NU Four projects for energy efficiency and Ollolai NU Dorgali NU photovoltaic systems installation on public buildings - SAMUGHEO (OR) Photovoltaic systems on public buildings -NURAGUS (CA) Fordongianus OR Tonara NU + Energy efficiency of the City Hall – QUARTU Samugheo OR SANT'ELENA (CA) Seulo CA Loceri OG Oristano Assolo OR Photovoltaic systems on public buildings -Nuragus CA CHIARAMONTI (SS) Four projects for energy efficiency and Baradili OR photovoltaic systems installation on public buildings – BARADILI (OR) Ballao CA Photovoltaic systems on public buildings -MARTIS (SS) Energy efficiency of City Hall and public lightning renovation – DORGALI (NU) Sinnai CA Photovoltaic systems on public buildings -Quartu Sant'Elena CA ASSOLO (OR) -Carbonia Geothermal system for heating public buildings - FORDONGIANUS (OR) Installation of 105kWp solar plants on the public Photovoltaic systems on public buildings buildings - TORRALBA SINNAI (CA) Installation of 55kW wind power plant – OZIERI Treatment plant of slaughtering waste (SS) Photovoltaic systems on public buildings associated to a cogeneration plant - CHILIVANI **MUROS (SS)** AMBIENTE S.p.A. - OZIERI (SS)

# The Energy UDF in Sardinia – project examples

### Energy efficiency of the City Hall (Quartu Sant'Elena)



The building hosting Quartu Sant'Elena town hall has a facade formed of glass. The primary objective of the project is the **replacement of old windows and frames**.

The project is not only aimed at improving the safety of workers and users accessing the building , but also at **obtaining a substantial improvement of the building energy savings** within the limits set by local regulations.



# The Energy UDF in Sardinia – project examples

### Wooden biomass power plant (Tonara)



The project envisages the construction of **two biomass boilers** (moving grate boilers) for a total heating capacity of 500 kW, to be **fed by woodchips**.

The project envisages the construction of a **heating network** providing energy supply to the **schools and the municipal gym** located in the surrounding area, allowing the **disposal of the outdated and polluting oil-fired boilers**.

# The Energy UDF in Sardinia – project examples 🕢

### Energy efficiency in a public hospital (Nuoro) (1/2)





As part of a broader project (restructuring and completion of local hospital facilities), following JESSICA-funded **energy efficiency measures** are envisaged:

- construction works: installation of a double skin envelope;
- mechanical works: building of a more efficient Heating
Ventilation and Air-Conditioning (HVCA) system;

- *electrical works:* installation of **electrical systems** for air conditioning, installation of an **architectural lighting system**.

The concession contract also stabilizes about 300 jobs.





# The Energy UDF in Sardinia – project examples

Energy efficiency in a public hospital (Nuoro) (2/2)

#### Revolving nature of JESSICA instrument



# The JESSICA UDF in Sicily



The JESSICA UDF Sicily managed by Equiter, focused on financing urban development projects in Sicily.

In the framework of a Convergence Objective Region, as Sicily, the UDF has selected **5 projects** underpinned by an **urban socioeconomic impact** and **relevant employment prospects**.

The 5 Projects allow to allocate all JESSICA resources (EUR 81m) and arrange **co-financing** for more than **EUR 200m**.

	JESSICA Final Recipient	Project	Municipality	2007-2013 ERDF OP Sicily Axis
1	Ri.MED Foundation	Biomedical Research and Biotechnology Centre	Carini (Palermo)	Axis VI
2	Porto turistico di Capo d'Orlando S.p.A. – PTCO	Touristic harbour	Capo d'Orlando (Messina)	Axis III
3	KORE University	Research centre and library for students	Enna	Axis VI
4	SAC S.p.A. – Catania Airport manager	Car parking at Catania Airport	Catania	Axis I
5	Gratteri Municipality	Retirement home	Gratteri (Palermo)	Axis VI

## The Project Portfolio in Sicily



### Research centre and library for students at KORE University



new Library.

**Research Laboratories** 





Flight simulator



# The Project Portfolio in Sicily

#### Retirement home in Gratteri (Palermo)







The project, for a total amount of **EUR 3.2m**, will deliver a **retirement home with 40 beds**: a healthcare structure, relevant for the Municipality of Gratteri from a social and **employment** point of view.







Main issues faced by the UDFs in the implementation of JESSICA investments:

- Delay in the start-up of JESSICA financial instruments in respect of the programming period start-date
- Rigid **Investment Strategy** (e.g. initially excluding private promoters)
- As far as projects promoted by Local Authorities are concerned:
  - Lack of JESSICA eligibility requirements, as many investments presumed to involve grants, without a previous assessment of project financial repayability;
  - Inadequate project quality and implementation level due to lack of technical assistance.

## Lessons learned and key success factors



- Implementation of Financial Instruments since the beginning of the programming period
- Project pipeline

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- Flexible Investment Strategy
- Appropriate **governance** structure driven by the objective of the fund
- Fund manager selection
- **Territorial coverage** by financial intermediaries
- **Technical assistance** for project preparation
- Cooperation with private sector (e.g. PPPs, eligibility of private final recipients)
- Simple and swift **procedures**
- Capacity building and transfer of know-how to financial intermediaries and final recipients



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