



International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS)

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National Technical University of Athens

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Dear Prof. Simopoulos,

I address to you in my capacity as Director General of the International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS), a related body and think-tank of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC), located in Athens, Greece. The ICBSS is the Lead Partner of an innovative project entitled "*Green Cluster of Knowledge Institutions of Black Sea: A Roadmap on Renewable Energy Sources and Energy Efficiency for Research and Academic Institutions*", co-funded by the BSEC-Hellenic Development Fund

The project aims at the establishment of a **Green Cluster of knowledge institutions** (research and academic) in all Black Sea countries targeting at the transfer of technology and know-how and the promotion of cooperation and capacity building among the Black Sea partners and beneficiaries in the field of energy sustainability. The project's main deliverable is the "**Roadmap for awareness and implementation of energy efficiency and use of renewable energy sources (RES) schemes**", addressed to knowledge-based institutions for the voluntary implementation of soft energy efficiency and RES actions and practices. The cluster will promote the long-term dissemination and promotion of the Roadmap to the Black Sea countries. For this purpose, the project partners have examined so far:

- a) the national institutional frameworks of the countries involved in the project (Greece, Turkey and Russia) and elaborated a relevant comparative report;
- b) the international and European frameworks regarding energy efficiency practices and RES schemes (e.g. ISO 14001, EMAS, Energy Star, Green Public Procurement et al.) and conducted a relevant report on Best Practices of knowledge institutions that have already implemented such actions.

I am not aware whether you have already implemented any actions aiming at energy efficiency or you use renewable energy sources, but regardless that, I would like to ask you to **participate as a member in our network, in order to establish a future green cluster** of research and academic institutions of the Black Sea. The members of this network will take advantage of the information and knowledge acquired through this research project, concerning international and European trends on energy efficiency policies and tools. Furthermore, the network's members will have access on good case studies having implemented voluntarily relevant actions.

The **participation in this network is cost-free** and gives you the opportunity to enhance the transfer of knowledge and know-how and promote cooperation linkages among the participants with similar goals in the future.

All the above can be found in our website www.icbss.org

I thank you in advance for your kind consideration and look forward to receiving your positive reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Zefi Dimadama', is written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Zefi Dimadama
Director General