

SEAI BETTER ENERGY COMMUNITIES GRANT 2014

On February 18th I attended the SEAI 'Better Energy Communities' workshop in Portlaoise, on behalf of all EcoCert members who may be interested in grant funding for an energy-efficiency project in 2014. The scheme will run similarly to previous years, and it is again my intention to co-ordinate a combined EcoCert application for member companies.

The key points are as follows:

- This year SEAI have a fund of €13.5m to spend.
- 30% grant support is available for commercial organisations.
- 50% grant support is available for public organisations and registered charities.
- The scheme will open for applications on 18th March 2014.
- The closing date for applications is 30th April 2014.
- SEAI will evaluate applications on a first-come-first-served basis.
- The completion deadline for all approved projects is 30th October 2014.

In order to maximise our chances of success, we should aim to have our application in as soon as possible. With this in mind, I plan to work to the following schedule.

- **26th February 2014** Interested companies and organisations registered, together with a brief description of their project. Thereafter I will create a project mailing list so that members who do not wish to participate are not receiving unwanted emails on the subject.
- **7th March 2014** Outline description of each project in place with estimated costs and projected savings
- **21st March 2014** Finalised individual application information in place, with firmed up costings and savings and method of measurement/verification defined.
- **28th March 2014** Compiled application submitted to SEAI

If you are interested in submitting an application please be sure to contact me before 26th February with at least a short emailed description of the project you are contemplating.

You can of course contact me in the meantime for advice and information to help you decide whether you want to participate.

Best regards,

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