

## ICP Europe Technical Forum Meeting notes – October 29, 2015

The third Technical Forum Meeting was held on October 29, 2015. The ICP Technical team provided an update on progress with the development of the ICP Europe protocols. Key areas for discussion were the new guidance on how to apply the protocols, and overviews of the Targeted Tertiary and Apartment Blocks protocols and the Project Development Specification.

The meeting began with an update on significant progress achieved by the ICP team in the United States, describing the first four projects to achieve Investor Ready Certification. Jessica Stromback from Joule Assets asked a question during the Webinar about whether further information could be provided on these projects. The answer was that case studies are currently being developed and should be able within two weeks. They will be posted on the ICP website and members of the Technical Forum will be notified when they have been made available.

The application of the protocols was described, with revised guidance provided on how to choose the most appropriate protocol for a project. The financial thresholds will be removed and replaced with more relevant guidance based on the nature of the projects and their complexity.

The first drafts of the Targeted protocols (Tertiary and Apartment Blocks) have now been released. The team highlighted that these protocols are suitable for projects with no or limited interactions between Energy Conservation Measures, and therefore the protocols have fewer compulsory requirements in some areas so as to align with the nature of these less complex projects. The specific requirements at each protocol stage were also described.

The team provided an update on the status of the national resources research ('cross protocol' annex to the protocol documents), including the status of completeness of the questionnaires for each of the European countries, and continued to request assistance from technical experts across the EU to support this work.

The latest progress on the Project Development Specification (PDS) was summarised. It is intended to be a 'one stop shop' for ICP Europe implementation, providing all the information required to allow the Project Developer and Quality Assurance Provider to apply the ICP system, in conjunction with the protocols and software packages. Further useful additions will be made to the PDS, such as guidance on choosing the most appropriate protocol, and a glossary.

The Team provided an update on the protocol timeline and the status of each of the protocols, and explained that they are looking for feedback on the four draft protocols which have been released. Comments would be welcomed until 6 November 2015, and this can be done through the website <u>here</u>, either using the version available in Google Docs, or by downloading the protocol document in Word format and emailing comments directly to the team. Another opportunity to provide comments on the second drafts of the Targeted protocols will be available later in November. Changes made to the second drafts of the Large and Standard Tertiary protocols were also summarised.

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