

## INFORMATION ON ECHO ACTION PARTNERS

<b>Organisation legal name</b>	<b>Municipality of Bologna – Environment and Urban Green Area- Environmental Quality Unit (Comune di Bologna, Settore Ambiente e Verde Urbano, Unità Intermedia Qualità Ambientale)</b>		
<b>Organisation short name</b>	BO		
<b>Legal address</b>	Via Zamboni, 8 – 40126 Bologna		
<b>Town</b>	<b>Bologna</b>	<b>Country</b>	Emilia Romagna, Italy
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<b>Number of employees</b>	Total employees of the Municipality are about 4500 Employees of Environment and Urban Area are about 40		
<b>Legal status</b>	Local Agency		
<b>Organisation Mission</b>	<p>The experts of the Environmental Quality Unit work actively with other departments towards the goal of urban sustainability. Bologna is a founder member of ICLEI, International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (since 1993) and in 1994 adopted the Charter of European Cities and Towns Towards Sustainability (The Aalborg Charter). One of the most notable developments was the ValSIA procedure for the environmental impact assessment of urban plans and public projects. Currently main activities of the Environmental Quality Unit are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preventive environmental and territorial impact assessment, concerning the urban change projects and urban planning development programs, with specific reference to the regional law on Environmental Impact Assessment (VIA);</li> <li>• Environmental evaluation of different scenarios defined by the new Structure Plan of the City, comparing the environmental effects according to the “ValSAT” (Environmental and Territorial Sustainability Assessment or Strategic Environmental Assessment)</li> <li>• Analysis and monitoring of the air pollution sources and effects on the environment, with specific reference to atmospheric, acoustic and electromagnetic aspects.</li> <li>• Drawing up of the Municipality Energy Plan (PEC)</li> <li>• Elaboration and management of environmental educational and dissemination projects. In particular manage the Show-room “Energy and Environment” dedicated to promote renewable energy and energy saving technologies using an attractive and communicative interface.</li> </ul> <p>Bologna has always been involved in many European projects. Two of the latest projects in which Department is involved are “ecoBudget” (LIFE programme) and “Re Urban Mobil” (Vth Framework Programme). In the field of RES the Environmental Unit was several European Project. The first closed in the 2004 is the PV-City Farming (PV-CIFA), aimed to applied the “Solar thermal ordinance adopted” by the city of Barcellona, to the PV plants. The second started in the 2005 is “Kyoto in the home” (KITH) to applied small RES through educational project in the school.</p>		
<b>Main organisation activities in relation to ECHO ACTION Project</b>	<p>Show room “Energy and Environment” activities about education and dissemination and promotion of renewable energy and energy saving technologies using an attractive and communicative interface, which allows direct contact between visitors and the technology.</p> <p>In particular through energy advisory for citizens and environmental</p>		

	<p>education for citizens and schools  Participation to Agenda 21 of the Province of Bologna</p>
<b>Role in the project</b>	<p>Participation in Project Steering Group and in project meetings reporting to IEEA  Preparation all tasks, except organisation of start-up workshop.  Contribution to the development of financing schemes.  Management of work groups  Opening and management of help desk.  Update of Web site, local dissemination activities, country-specific  Contribution to set-up of the European ECHO ACTION network  Contributions to handbook and local sections of Web site</p>
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