



ENCOURAGING
Developing Local
Capacities



Energy efficiency is an important opportunity for companies to reduce their costs and improve competitiveness as well as an opportunity for the country to develop highly professional resources focused on innovation and highly qualified local capacities geared to excellence.



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Improving the efficiency of energy resources use also involves encouraging and promoting the development of projects and innovative initiatives that optimize energy use and that allow users to identify and assess the benefits of efficient use of energy.

To support policies aimed at the efficient use of energy it is necessary to develop mechanisms to provide opportunities for projects implementation, boost the market, develop knowledge and provide an enabling environment and incentives for business development and entrepreneurial initiatives.

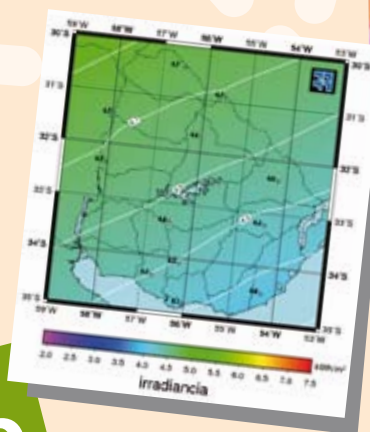
Access to Financing

- **Energy Efficiency Fund.** Financial line designed and set-up in order to encourage companies and other energy users to develop studies and investments in energy efficiency through financing using commercial banks.
- **Financing Demonstrative Projects.** Eight pilot projects developed by ESCOs have been implemented across the country, partially financed with grant funds. It has involved up to date energy savings of 7.000 toe which translates into a reduction of emissions of 16.000 ton CO₂.



Market Development of Energy Services Companies (ESCOs)

- **Dissemination** of Energy Efficiency projects scheme developed by ESCOs.
- **Technical Training** of ESCOs. Training them in areas such as trade, technological and financial issues.
- **Development** of partnerships and links with international experts to develop specific skills.
- **Generate**, compile and disseminate information on improvement opportunities.
- **Creating a record of ESCOs and Efficient Equipment Suppliers** to facilitate customer access to businesses.
- **Standard Performance Agreements and Measurement and Verification Protocols** so as to reduce the costs of drafting contracts.



Development of Studies

- Study on **Co-generation Potential** of the Country.
- Assessment of **Thermal Solar Capacity** in Uruguay.
- Study on **Energy Saving Potential** of the Country.
- Installation of **Solar Collectors** in low income housing complex.
- **Energy Audits** in Public Buildings.

