

Case Study 11: Contracting Rommerskirchen

Germany

Summary

The energy-consumption in the buildings of the municipality of Rommerskirchen was constantly rising. First attempts of regulating the controllers of the system did not succeed. The consultancy of the EnergyAgency.NRW brought up the idea of performance contracting.

The real estate of the municipality is quite diverse, like schools, fire brigade buildings, public swimming pool, multifunctional event hall, gyms, etc. Consulting engineers have been mandated to plan efficient measures and then call for tender. This has been successful. In 2003 a company was chosen and contracted. Energy savings of 24 percent have been guaranteed. In the first year savings of about 26 percent have been realised.



Lessons learned

1. The project could be realised by involvement of few people, as it is a small municipality.
2. Nobody was threatened by the project, neither jobs nor expertise.
3. A person inside the system took the initiative and was very convinced and convincing.
4. The local politicians were open for innovative approaches.
5. The realisation of performance contracting was more profitable, than doing it on their own account.
6. The hired contractor was experienced and reached its goals.