Social benefits of energy efficiency: do ESCOs really monetize all the services they provide?

The ESCO's intermediary role in L'Oréal Corporate Social Responsibility

Corporate Social Responsibility: from savings to impact

The European Commission has defined Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) as the **responsibility of enterprises for their impact on societies**.

Companies can become socially responsible through:

- legal compliance
- sustainable business strategies and operations

L'Oréal CSR commitment: sustainable, responsible and inclusive growth

It is L'Oréal's commitment to share growth with its community.

In L'Oréal's vision, energy efficiency represents a key driver to:

- □ increase industrial productivity, and
- contribute to local sustainable development

Case Study: L'Oréal Italy: Zero Emissions

L'Oréal Italy: Zero Emissions is a project that L'Oréal launched on a private-public partnership basis.

Main objectives:

- improve energy end-use efficiency
- become energy self-sufficient by using exclusively renewable sources
- develop strategic relationships with local stakeholders

Where and When: In Settimo Torinese (TO), Italy, from 2011 to 2016

L'Oréal Italy: Zero Emissions was launched in 2011.

In Settimo Torinese (TO), Italy.

Measures implemented from 2011 to 2016.



Who are the primary project stakeholders: a multinational corporation, a local ESCO, a municipality

Different approaches, complementary interests.

Stakeholder	<u>Interests</u>
A multinational corporation	Corporate Social Responsibility
A local Energy Service Company	Energy Services
A medium-size municipality	Local sustainable development

Why is the project worth being analysed: innovative energy efficiency solutions to achieve impact

L'Oréal's factory in Settimo Torinese (TO), the biggest among the 44 locations the company owns around the world, has become a **zero-emissions facility**.

How did it achieve such a result?

- innovation
- self-consumption
- community involvement

Innovation: multiple measures implemented under the project

The system developed in Settimo Torinese (TO) innovatively combines:

- a **connection to the urban heating grid** of Settimo Torinese (TO), Italy
- □ a **photovoltaic power station** with more than 14.000 solar panels
- a biomass power plant made more efficient by organic cycle turbines

Self-consumption: better coordination to improve energy end-use efficiency

The system built at L'Oréal's factory of Settimo Torinese (TO) has been built under a **self-consumption business model** implying:

- a single producer
- a single final consumer
- a direct connection between producer and final consumer
- a direct connection of the system to the grid

Main contractual issues in self-consumption projects: anything missing?

Main contractual issues in self-consumption projects include:

- ☐ financing
- engineering, procurement and construction
- operation and maintenance
- performance

What social needs the project is expected to impact: multiple measures for multiple benefits

- Energy delivery
- Industrial productivity
- GHG emissions
- Public budgets
- Employment
- Local air pollution
- ☐ Health and well-being

ESCO's remuneration: from energy savings to social impact

Business as usual

The remuneration of ESCOs is directly tied to the energy savings achieved.

Case study findings

ESCOs could play a central role in helping corporations to make energy savings a resource to improve stakeholder management and achieve social impact.

How the measures implemented look like



Any further queries?

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