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Subject: Energy projects

One of the main objectives of the Europa 2020 strategy is the reduction by 20 % of greenhouse gas emissions (or even by 30 %, under favourable conditions), compared to the levels of 1990, and the increase of the share of renewable energy sources by up to 20 %.

One possibility that the local authorities have for achieving the targets set out in this strategy is the development of local energy projects, for example the installation of solar panels for the offices of administrative institutions, but also for the use of the entire community, in particular for communities located in isolated or less accessible areas. The advantage for the local authorities is that they will be able to obtain additional income generated by the resale of the electricity produced, and new jobs will be created at local level for the installation of the panels and, more importantly, for their maintenance.

How can the Commission support the creation of local skills networks and the development of public-private partnerships in this field for projects benefiting small and medium-sized communities, including cross-border projects?