

Transfer of Technology Consultative Process

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2. Plans, policies and activities to implement Art. 4.5 of the Convention

2.1 Plans and Policies

The introduction in Italy of a “carbon tax” is also expected to further enhance co-operation with developing countries, including those from the Asian region. The expected revenues of such a tax could be partly devoted to support technology and environmental co-operation with developing and transition countries also by the private and non-governmental sectors. This would be a clear case of additional financial resources, vis-a-vis ODA, which could be used to start up pilot projects for implementing the Kyoto Protocol.

The identified priority sectors, subject to specific agreements with developing country partners, are:

To this effect, it has strongly supported the inclusion of sustainable development programmes within the EU Framework Programme on Science and Technology and the extension of relevant activities to co-operation with developing countries. It also encourages Italian scientific and technical institutions, such as the National Research Council (CNR), the National Agency for New Technology, Energy and the Environment (ENEA) and the National Agency for the Protection of the Environment (ANPA) to include climate change research activities, information exchange, training and capacity building in their S&T and operational co-operation programmes with developing countries.

2.2 Ongoing activities

More recently, an important co-operation agreement between the Italian Institute of Foreign Trade (ICE), supported by the Italian Confederation for Public Local Services, has been signed with the Foreign Economic Co-operation Office of the China State Environmental Protection Agency (FECO/SEPA). The agreement is intended to:

3. Assistance in identifying technology needs
4. Attacking barriers to technology transfer.

Likewise, Italy also supports the need to improve the enabling environment for climate friendly technologies through:

5. Harnessing investment opportunities and enhancing private sector participation.
6. Expected outcome of the consultative process.
7. Conclusions