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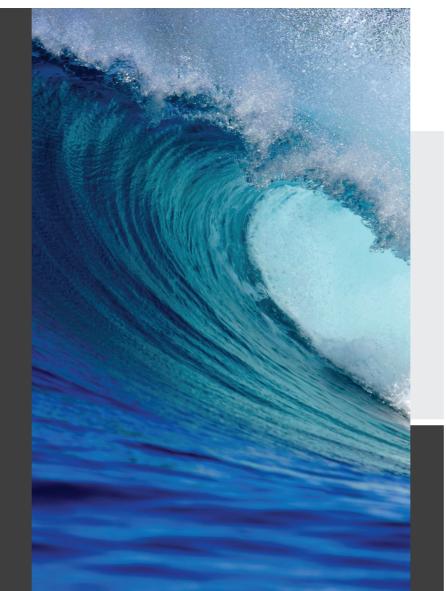
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Knowledge transfer capacity building for enhanced energy access & efficiency in the Caribbean



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WHAT ISCAP4INNO ABOUT?

Cap4inno aims to provide a solution to the challenges of energy access and efficiency through building the capacities of Caribbean Higher Education Institutions to promote knowledge transfer, and offer relevant training programs to students and professionals of the sector.

The project rationale lays in the argument that students and professionals in the area of energy need to be trained on how to identify state-of-the-art technologies and evaluate them, how to transfer technologies and know-how, and how to create value using the intellectual property system.

The project is co-funded by the EC.

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WHAT DOES CAP4INNO AIM TO ACHIEVE?

The project addresses both institutional capacity building and improvements in academic offer in the region, leading to

- Skills required to build a sustainable energy sector in Caribbean countries are identified and incorporated in University curricula.
- Qualifications of teaching and research staff are upgraded to provide the identified skills to students in the area of energy.
- Enhanced offer of applied teaching and research programmes in the area of energy, with training in transversal skills such as technology watch and transfer, for students and professionals.
- Networking and cooperation among key actors of the innovation system: HEls, enterprises, and government is reinforced.
- Knowledge transfer is facilitated through closer cooperation among stakeholders, training of research managers and pilot projects.

HOW WILL CAP4INNO ACHIEVE THIS?

The project partners will conduct a set of activities, which can be structured in four groups:

Creating a knowledge base: an in depth training **needs analysis** to reveal the type of skills required by the local labour market in the Caribbean partner countries.

Capacity building: **Re-training workshops** for HEI staff on the transversal skills demanded in the knowledge economy.

Modernization of teaching offer: **designing and introducing new transversal subjects and interdisciplinary activities** in the existing energy related programmes (e.g. use of scientific and IP databases, technology watch, knowledge transfer, and value creation through IP).

Networking and visibility actions: organization of thematic round-tables, innovation ideas competitions, pilot projects and conferences.

The project is a partnership of two universities from EU and three from the Caribbean, with the support of the national intellectual property offices of three Caribbean countries and WIPO as associated partners.