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Thailand
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Strengthening Maldivian Initiatives for a Long-term Energy Strategy (SMILES)

Contract:	2598/11-2004/079-111
Call for Proposals:	EUROPEAID/116063/C/G
Component:	Policy Reinforcement
Area(s) of Activity:	Energy
Lead Applicant:	Agence de L'Environnement et de la Maitrise de L'Energie (ADEME) – France
Partners:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Communication, Science and Technology (MCST) – Maldives • Utrecht Centre for Energy Research (UCE) – The Netherlands
Project Location:	The Maldives
Project Description:	<p>The aim of the project is to assist the MCST in strengthening its capacity to enforce sustainable energy development goals through demand side and supply side management strategies.</p> <p>European know-how and expertise will be shared with the Maldives to adopt policies and strategies for lowering its rapid growth in fossil fuel demand while ensuring energy access to more remote and less economically advantaged islands. The MCST will interact with national stakeholders to increase the efficiency of energy generation and its utilization in the power sector, and lower the import rate of fossil fuels by exploiting renewable energies and improving efficiency of the transport sector.</p>
Project Objectives:	<p>Assisting the Ministry of Communication, Science and Technology and the relevant players in the Maldives to formulate energy policy strategies for addressing issues of immediate concern:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) rapid growth of electricity demand in Malé; 2) unreliable power supply to the rural population living in the outer islands at a cost that much higher than that charged to the urban population; 3) lack of public transport facility on land and sea, leading to the individual modes of transport that is energy intensive, environmentally polluting and contributing to traffic congestion.



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