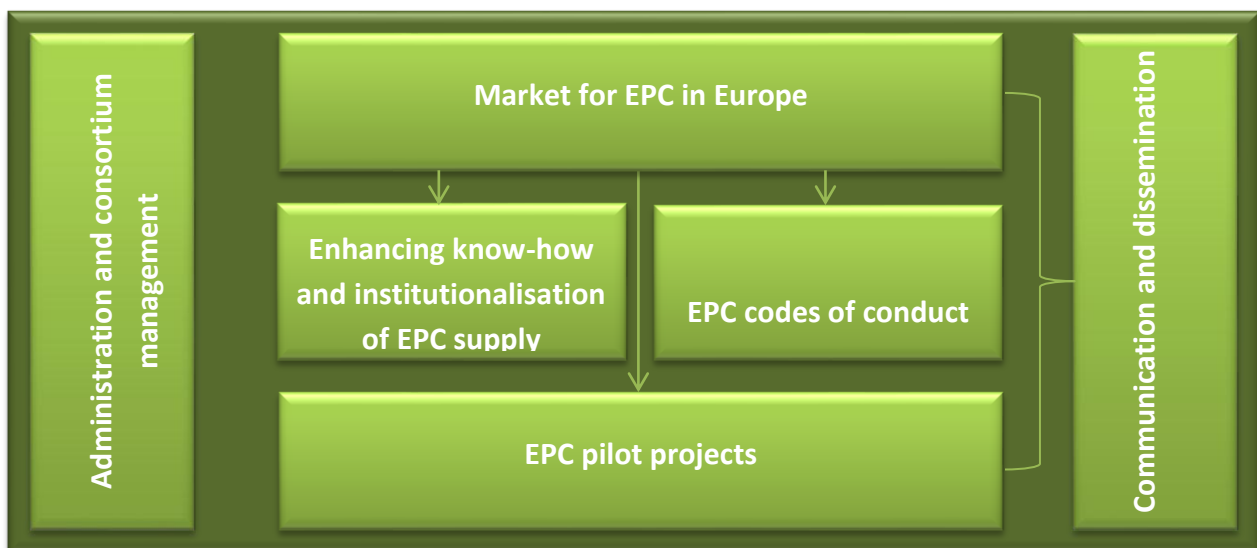




## Project Brief

Energy Performance Contracting (EPC) can provide substantial energy savings in the EU countries using the principle of repaying the energy efficiency investments directly from the saved energy costs. Currently there is a lack of transparency on the markets for energy efficiency services in Europe. The Transparense project will develop codes of conduct for EPC in order to increase the transparency and quality of the energy services provided. This should also improve the currently poor knowledge and understanding of EPC.

The Transparense project is financed by Intelligent Energy Europe, and has the main aim to increase the transparency and trustworthiness of EPC markets throughout Europe. With its twenty partners covering both mature and beginner EPC markets, the project has a great potential to develop and increase the European EPC market and thereby achieve substantial energy efficiency improvement. The structure of the project and the means to achieve the project aim is illustrated in the figure below.



The core action of the Transparense project is to develop European and national Codes of Conduct for Energy Performance Contracting (EPC), which can be used by energy services providers as well as their clients. Such sets of rules will be tailored to the specific conditions of each participating countries and will help increase the transparency of the EPC markets and ensure the high quality of the energy services provided. The Codes of conduct will be tested and evaluated through pilot projects in the participating countries. Close cooperation between the partners will be established in order to ensure homogenous high quality EPC



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projects. In this respect, twinning between advanced and beginner market will yield transfer of gained experiences.

The project will also provide a comprehensive overview of the EPC markets across Europe through the development of an exhaustive online database on e.g. different Energy Performance Contracting models and financing models. Furthermore the project will promote the establishment of associations of Energy Service Companies in countries where such organizations are currently missing. Training programmes on the developed Codes of Conduct together with active communication with relevant stakeholders will be carried out to spread the implementation. Target groups include energy service companies, energy service companies' associations, policy makers and potential clients.

The Transparense project started in April 2013 and will be completed in September 2015. The project brings together 20 European partners: Czech Republic, United Kingdom, Slovenia, Germany, Sweden, Belgium, Austria, Bulgaria, Italy, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Denmark and Norway. The project has a budget of million 2.1 million € and is financed by Intelligent Energy Europe with co-funding from the project partners.

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### What is EPC?

Energy performance contracting (EPC) is a “contractual arrangement between the beneficiary and the provider of an **energy efficiency improvement measure, verified and monitored** during the whole term of the contract, where investments (work, supply or service) in that measure are paid for in relation to a **contractually agreed level of energy efficiency improvement** or other agreed energy performance criterion, such as financial savings”.

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