

Notes from the field

Sustainable Production Programme in Setubal Region (PROSSET)—preliminary results¹

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Abstract

In this paper the PROSSET Programme is described briefly and the preliminary results are presented. The Programme includes cleaner production (CP) demonstration projects developed in 10 companies located in the Setubal Region and the testing of methodologies to promote the sustainability of the Programme. Both the involvement of local agents and the training and/or awareness of workers and locals were considered necessary. The INETI/ITA team developed an action plan aimed at the effective involvement of local actors in the PROSSET Programme in addition to the in-company activities. © 1999 Published by Elsevier Science Ltd. All rights reserved.

1. Introduction

Following the activities of INETI/ITA on preventive strategies at both the national and international level, comprising the EU Stenum 1 project ('Development of Societal Mechanisms and Management for the Establishment, Implementation and Maintenance of Sustainable Production Programmes at the Local Level') which included cleaner production (CP) demonstration projects in cities/regions, INETI/ITA presented an autonomous project to PEDIP II (Strategic Programme for Dynamization and Modernisation of Portuguese Industry) for carrying out the 'PROSSET Programme—Sustainable Production Programme for the Setubal Region'.

As the availability of funding was pointed out as being the major obstacle for the participation of companies, the PEDIP's acceptance of this programme was very important.

The choice of Setubal Council was due to:

- previous environmental work performed by INETI/ITA in this council concerning:
- environmental characterisation of the Sado river;
- environmental evaluation studies undertaken in some industries; and
- various environmental impact assessments performed in the Setubal Region.
- the council's features regarding the programme's objectives in terms of the diversity and ecological interest of economic activities in parts of the council's territory;
- the interest shown by the Setubal Municipality representatives in joining the programme.

2. Presentation of the PROSSET Programme

2.1. Goals

The main goals of the PROSSET Programme are:

- to support companies in the implementation of CP projects as a strategy to improve their eco-efficiency

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