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# Presentation of the general approach of designing an implementation scheme for large scale dissemination of EE measures

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# **Targets and objective**

#### Target:

- Small and Scattered EE / ER investments
  - ✓ Households
  - ✓ Micro and small business
- Small EE / ER investments represent large potential in developing countries

#### **Objective**

• Scaling up the investments on a sustainable base

#### Main financial barriers

- Limited capacity of investment of the target
- Limited access to bank financing
- Low profitability of investments because of energy subsidy
- Requirement of low payback period by the target
- Low interest from the banks because of the high transaction costs
- Heavy financing procedures from the banks

# **Financial requirements**

### Improve profitability

- Public subsidy investment
- Indirect tax incentives
- Direct tax incentives

Measures	Advantages	Disadvantages
Public investment subsidy	<ul> <li>Clear effect on the cost reduction</li> <li>Strong signal to the market</li> <li>Good vector for awareness</li> <li>Stimulation effect for supply side</li> </ul>	- Pressure on the public finances - Low sustainability - High management cost
Indirect taxes advantage	- Easy implementation - Low pressure on public finances	<ul> <li>Low visibility</li> <li>Low efficiency in case of informal market</li> <li>Difficulty to apply on services cost</li> </ul>
Reduction of direct taxes	- Low pressure on public finances	<ul><li>Low efficiency in developing countries</li><li>Complexity of implementation in developing countries</li></ul>

# **Financial requirements**

#### **Insure affordability conditions**

- Setting up easy access bank loans (example Prosol)
- Minimum contribution of the household in the initial cost
- Monthly Loan reimbursement less than the energy bill saving

Appropriate design of the financial mechanism with good combination of investment subsidy and loan concessionality

# **Nonfinancial requirements**

## **Strict quality control**

- Suppliers' certification
- Installer's certification
- Material certification
- Ex-ante control (inspection)

#### **Capacity building**

- Installers
- Inspectors
- Administration

# **Environmental integrity**



# Thank you

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