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Dear Mr Dane,

Thank you for your request sent on 12 July 2017. I am part of the team working on European Structural and Investment funds (ESIF) for Bulgaria and will try to reply based on the limited elements you provide us with.

For internal to Bulgaria reasons related to the developments with solar energy panels in the country in the recent past, Bulgaria chose not to prioritise those types of investments as far as ESIF is concerned. However, broader renewable energy and energy efficiency measures are still among the priorities.

What is perhaps mostly relevant to your query are the actions envisaged in Operational Programme Environment 2014-2020 (OPE) and Operational Programme Rural Development 2014-2020.

As to OP Environment, priority axis 5 "Improvement of the ambient air quality" foresees support to 29 Municipalities (identified at the moment of OPE adoption in 2015) with impaired air quality. Amongst the indicative measures to be financed are measures for alternative heating serving certain residential areas (which consist of individual houses and/or small multi-family buildings using solid fuel for heating). For this priority axis the beneficiaries are structures of/bodies within the Ministry of Environment and Water, municipalities with poor air quality, business entities and non-profit legal entities.

As regards Rural Development Programme 2014-2020, financial support for investments to produce energy from renewable energy sources will be provided only to cover the needs of agricultural holdings.

For a comprehensive overview of the operational programmes and the investment priorities, I would advise to have a look at the following governmental website:
<http://2020.eufunds.bg/en/6/0>

Furthermore, it is suggested that you contact the relevant national authorities that could advise you on the available state funded support measures in the sector of your interest.

Yours sincerely,

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