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Jointly for our common future

ABOUT THE PROJECT TRACE

TRACE demonstrates a genuine transnational character through the implementation of a number of transnational activities (study visits, thematic workshops...). It was approved by the South East Europe (SEE) Program and officially started on 1st of November, 2012.

KICK-OFF MEETING

Kick-off meeting of project TRACE took place on April 15th and 16th in Piraeus, Greece, organized by PIRAEUS (Municipality of PIRAEUS), the lead partner of the project. The meeting was attended by representatives from 8 different countries (Greece, Bulgaria, Italy, Romania, Croatia, Slovenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Austria).

The two-day event marked the official start of the project. The meeting was organized in order to revise the 2-years work plan and as a starting point for activities. The meetings will be every 6 months, hosted by our partners.

WHY?

Reducing energy consumption and increasing energy and resource efficiency is the most effective and immediate way to cut carbon emissions and mitigate the effects of Climate changes.



On the meeting we were discussing about the main characteristics of the project: partnership, risk management, methodological approach, challenges, target groups, stakeholders, objectives, outputs, results, work packages and schedule.

There were also presented management rules and procedures for TRACE project: contact persons, tasks, communication between partners (reports to the FLC and JTS), project follow-up, role of LP, role of each partner, activity progress reports, project meetings, project management structure: Project Steering Committee, Project Technical Secretariat and Project Management Team.



TRACE AND WORK PACKAGES

WP0: Preparation activities

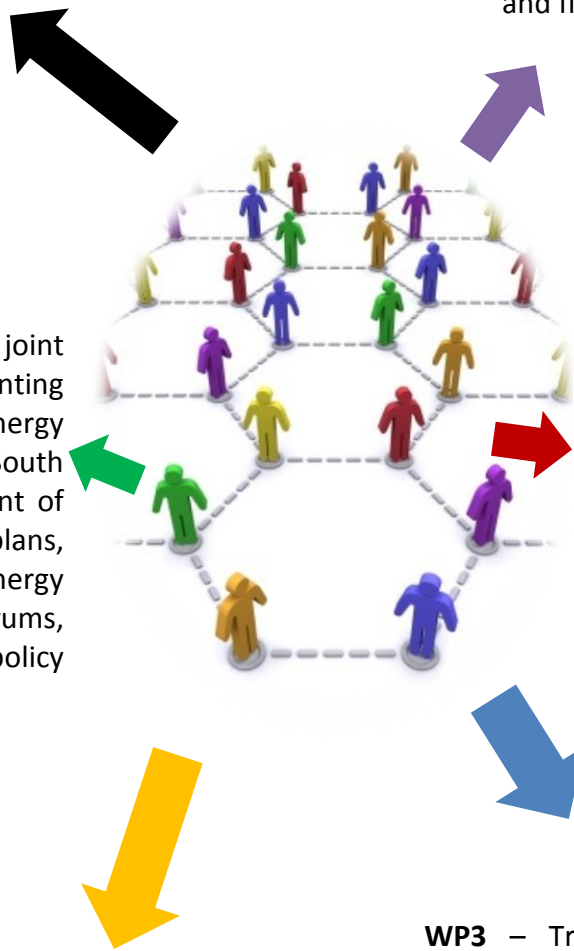
WP1: Transnational project and financial management

WP5: Setting up joint strategies and implementing pilot actions for energy efficiency in buildings in South East Europe (Development of territorial operational plans, set up a network of Energy investments Forums, development of policy recommendations)

WP2: Communication activities

WP4 – Capacity building of territorial administration in South East Europe (Development of training methodology, production of training material, organization of training sessions)

WP3 – Transfer of know-how among territorial administrations in South East Europe on energy efficiency in buildings (Collection and analysis of good practices, financial aspects influencing energy efficiency of buildings, exchange of information activities)



DID YOU KNOW?

Energy consumption in buildings will grow dramatically without action to substantially improve energy efficiency. The construction boom, is driving energy demand, but economic development and other factors are adding to the problem because they are increasing buildings' energy needs.

TRACE WEBSITE

The rapid growth of internet access for individuals, businesses and other organisations has confirmed the importance of the website as a tool for promoting an organisation's key messages and as a source of up to date information. This is why we have created the TRACE portal which will be the main information source of the project for all project target groups.



The aim of the future South -East Europe portal is to constantly provide the target groups with adequate, up to date, high -quality information about the programme.



All outputs and products of the project will be uploaded on the project website and available for download.

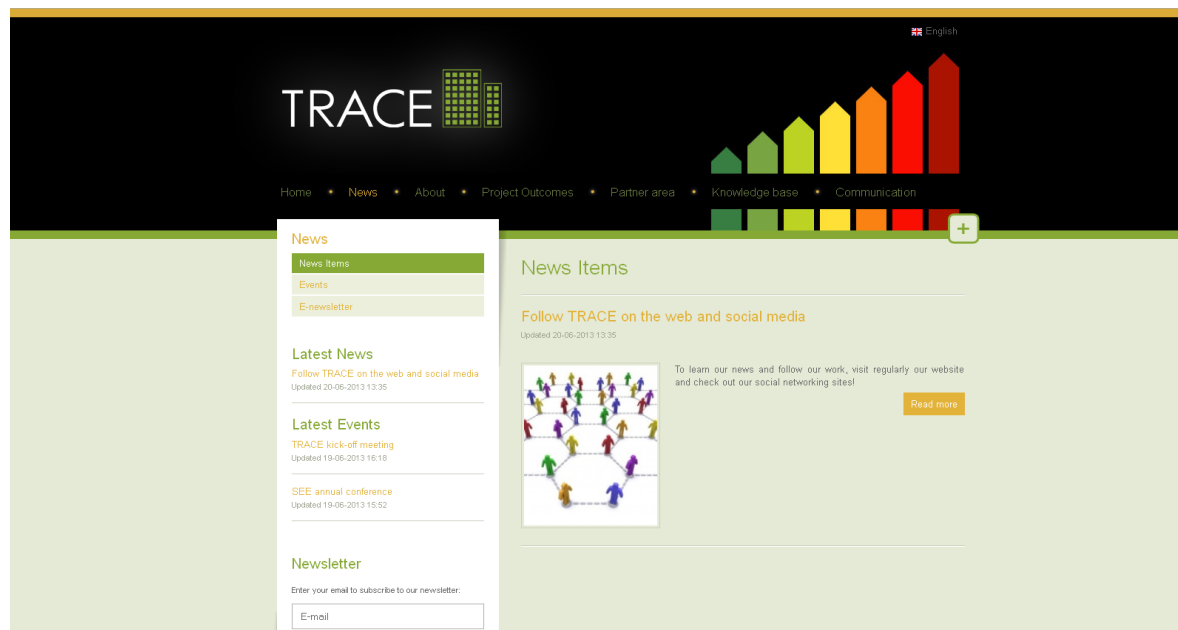


The domain for the portal is: www.see-trace.eu.



In order to achieve its objectives, the portal will be constantly updated with relevant information. Moreover, the portal will be highly transparent, well-structured and user friendly for the visitors to find the information they need.

The main structure of the website:



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