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ABOUT THE PROJECT TRACE

With 40 % of energy consumed in buildings, EU has introduced legislation to increase energy efficiency that provides a comprehensive and integrated approach. Increasing energy efficiency is among the main goals of the European Union and it is embedded in Europe 2020 strategy. The TRACE project corresponds to this need by supporting local and regional administration in South East Europe to develop and advance policies and mechanisms for improving energy efficiency of buildings.

PROJECT COMMUNICATION AND DISSEMINATION MATERIALS

Communication is one of the main tasks of the TRACE project and is a horizontal activity running throughout the project duration. The results of the project will be widely and systematically disseminated and will be openly available to anyone interested without constraints.

The local and regional administrations participating in TRACE are committed to contributing to sustainable development and wish to respond to their increased role in improving energy efficiency.

The project poster was designed by the Bulgarian partner SOFENA. The aim of the poster is to introduce the general information of the SEE program and territory, the TRACE activities and outputs, the TRACE partners and web address of the project, where detailed information of the project can be found. Each project partner translated the poster into its national language in order to serve as communicating tools for awareness raising campaign with their territories. The electronic version of the brochure can be downloaded from the project's web site: www.see-trace.eu.



The project's brochure was also designed by the Bulgarian partner SOFENA. The main reasons for the project TRACE being launched and supported by the SEE Program, is presented in the brochure. Main objectives, partnership, work packages and activities of the project are also described. The brochure is translated in all partner languages, 30.000 copies are being distributed to all the partners to use them for dissemination purposes. The electronic version of the brochure can be downloaded from the project's web site.

THIRD PROJECT MEETING IN ZAGREB

On the 14th May 2014, the 3rd project Steering Committee & Policy Board meeting of the TRACE project were held in Zagreb, within the framework of the Zagreb Energy Week.

All work package leaders prepared detailed reports on each work package implementation progress allowing for extensive discussion on several issues. Given the fact that the project is well under way and it is time to promote further its role and activities all partners committed themselves to use all available communicating tools to increase dissemination.

LP & WP1 Leader: PIRAEUS





The project is currently in the prefinal reporting period as it ends in October 2014. Finances are more or less in line with financial plan foreseen.

WP2 Leader: EEC

Project partners are disseminating the project through different events, posters and brochures, web site and social networks. A lot has been done, but there are still some fields where partners intend to be more active, such as: participation in different third party events, social networks and publishing different event reports and reports on different outputs on the web site.

WP3 Leader: Perugia

First study visit was organized in Gabrovo, in Nov. 2013 and second in April 2014, in Vienna. Three transnational workshops with thematic seminars were organized in Sofia, Perugia and Zagreb. Several surveys have been completed and will be available on the web site:

-  The current role of territorial administrations in SEE on energy performance of buildings.
-  Views and opinions of energy efficiency building inspectors.
-  The use and impact of energy performance certificates.
-  Current funding programmes/possibilities for the improvement of energy efficiency of buildings.

There are still several surveys in progress; reports will be finalized within the set deadlines and published on the web site.

WP4 Leader: KDZ




Report on **Training objectives and training needs in TRACE territorial administrations** has been produced and will be available on the web site. A core-training organized by KDZ, a specialist in the field, was successfully organized in Vienna and provided feedback on training methodology and development of training material. The findings will be presented in the report, available on the web site. Hand-out and interactive training game will be also designed and published on the web site. At present, 5 local-training events are in progress (Zagreb, Perugia, Gabrovo, Mantova and Piraeus).

WP5 Leader: Zagreb City

The activities envisaged within work package 5 are still in progress. The main activities and

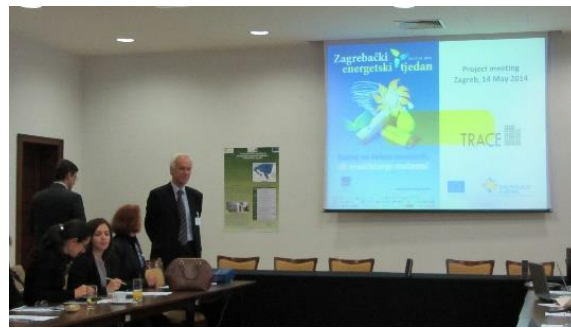
The project partners truly believe that there is a strong need for transfer of know-how and exchange of good practices, especially in the South East Europe. This opinion is also supported by a number of studies and initiatives.

outputs are:

-  Development of nine territorial operational plans.
-  Set up a network of Energy Investment Forum.
-  Development of policy recommendations.

The project partners have also agreed on the best manners to overcome all existing barriers and planned future activities.

The next event for project partners will be held in Greece in September 2014. Final conference combined with the second study visit will take place in Piraeus, organised by the LP-Municipality of Piraeus.



Within the project meeting all partners took part in the **International Conference »Investing in the Future – World cities sharing smart, sustainable energy solutions«**, held from 15th to 16th May 2014. Many interesting activities and experiences were presented in the field of energy efficiency and use of renewable energy sources from different cities around the Europe and rest of the world: (Bruxelles (B), Warsaw (PL), Province of Torino (I), Shanghai (CN), Belo Horizonte (BR)), etc.



On Thursday afternoon, 15th of May 2014, there was, within the TRACE project, **The Transnational Thematic Conference on ICT solutions to improve the energy performance of buildings**. The Austrian partner - WU (Wien University of Economics and Business) presented the report on the survey on the ICT solutions in the partners' countries and the experience on ICT solutions in Austria. The partners from Slovenia (KSSENA), Bulgaria (SOFENA), Greece (CRES), Romania (ENERO) and Italy (Provincia Mantova) presented experience on ICT solutions from their countries. The conclusion of the presentations was that ICT solutions are one of the most important tools for the first step towards improvement of energy efficiency of buildings. Despite the different ICT tools in different countries the BEI (Baseline Emission Inventory) is the basis in all different tools.

STUDY VISITS, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS

Within WP3 several activities are planned and scheduled for the exchange of good practices in energy efficiency of buildings. Workshops, combined with study visits, training courses and transnational seminars as well as conferences, were held in Sofia (Bulgaria), Perugia (Italy), Wien (Austria) and Zagreb (Croatia).

Sofia, 19th – 21st March 2014: Workshop and seminar



The red line of the **International thematic workshop was the financing for the improvement of energy efficiency of buildings**. First of all the Bulgarian partner SOFENA presented the survey on the current funding programs, afterwards partners from Greece, Bulgaria, Italy, Romania and Slovenia presented experiences in this field from their countries.

The goal of the Transnational seminar was to present the benefits of energy efficient buildings and exchange of

experience. Many different EU and non-EU projects in the field of energy efficient buildings were presented.

Perugia, 10th – 11th April 2014: Workshop and seminar

In the transnational thematic workshop and seminar the partners presented the current situation on fields such as: the current role of territorial administrations on energy performance of buildings, views and opinions of territorial administrations on energy performance labelling, views and opinions of operating inspectors on energy efficiency of buildings, review of ICT solutions to improve the energy performance of buildings and information and communication campaigns. Game-based training was also presented on the seminar.



Wien, 28th – 30th April 2014: Core Training and Study Visit

In the workshop on Training methodology “Train the trainer”, the participants gained the overview on the training methods, adult learning and communication. The Interactive Methodology Game was also presented on the workshop by the Province of Perugia.



Within the study visit the project partners and some relevant stakeholders visited city of Amstetten. The city is a role model in the field of energy efficiency and implementation of renewable energy sources. The most interesting presentations were on obtaining waste heat from waste water and Biomass heating plant, together with integration of local community in the project and Contracting Model.

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