

PRESS RELEASE

**TRACE Final Conference:
«Improvement of buildings energy performance and efficiency –
Sustainable Communities in South East Europe»**

25, September 2014, 9:00-17:30
Piraeus Chamber of Commerce and Industry
(1, Loudovikou str., Odissou Sq, Piraeus/Greece)

The Department for Planning and Development of the Municipality of Piraeus organised with great success the Final Conference of the project **“TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF BUILDINGS ENERGY PERFORMANCE AND EFFICIENCY” (TRACE)**. The project, which is now in its final stage, was initiated in November 2012. TRACE was developed and realised within the framework of the Transnational Cooperation Programme for South East Europe (SEE) and is co-funded by the European Union and by State Funds. (<http://see-trace.eu/>)

The Final Conference took place on the 25th of September 2014 in the premises of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Piraeus. The opening speech was held by Mr. Alexandros Argoudelis, Deputy Mayor of Technical services and infrastructure Networks of the Municipality of Piraeus. Renowned speakers from 9 countries represented the project partners at the conference. The topics discussed were, among others, „The role of territorial administrations in SEE on energy performance of buildings”, “Policy Instruments Enhancing Energy Efficiency Investments in Buildings”, “Territorial strategies and policies for long-term energy efficiency targets in buildings”, “Collection of good practices on the use and impact of energy performance certificates” etc.

The role of the TRACE Project in promoting international cooperation among research centres and public administrations was highlighted during the conference, as was the importance of its outcome for improving energy efficiency in buildings. Emphasis was given in the general contribution of the project in accelerating all those necessary reforms and measures to achieve the goals set in the Directive 2010/31/EU (EPBD) and the EU Agenda for Europe 2020. Targets set in the Europe 2020 strategy in the fields of climate change and energy sustainability include 20% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions compared to 1990, 20% energy production from renewable sources and 20% increase in energy efficiency.

The Final conference was planned and organised by NEOANALYSIS LTD (www.neoanalysis.eu). Please find attached the time schedule of the conference including the topic presented by each speaker.



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| 09:00 | 09:30 | Registration |
| 09:30 | 10:00 | Opening speeches Mr. Alexandros Argoudelis, Deputy Mayor of Technical services and infrastructure Networks, Municipality of Piraeus |
| 10:00 | 10:20 | The South East Programme and European programs of Municipality of Piraeus. |
| 10:20 | 10:40 | Mr. Pavlos Doikos, Municipality of Piraeus: The Trace Project - Overview |
| 10:40 | 11:10 | Coffee break |
| TRACE project results, Session 1 | | |
| 11:10 | 11:30 | Mr. Constantin Kounas, Province of PERUGIA: The current role of territorial administrations in SEE on energy performance of buildings |
| 11:30 | 11:50 | Mr. Faruk Ceric, Sarajevo Economic Region Development Agency (SERDA): Views and opinions of territorial administrations in South East Europe on energy performance labelling of buildings |
| 11:50 | 12:10 | Mr. Grig Moldoveanu, Centre for the Promotion of Clean and Efficient Energy in Romania (ENERO): Views and opinions of operating inspectors on energy efficiency of buildings, Main findings |
| 12:10 | 12:30 | Mr. Daniel Hill, Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU): Policy Instruments Enhancing Energy Efficiency Investments in Buildings |
| 12:30 | 12:50 | Mrs. Diana Paunova – Galena, Sofia Energy Agency (SOFENA): Funding programmes/possibilities for the improvement of energy efficiency in buildings |
| 12:50 | 13:10 | Mr. Theodore Grassos, Municipality of Piraeus: Territorial strategies and policies for long-term energy efficiency targets in buildings |
| 13:10 | 13:30 | Discussion |
| 13:30 | 14:30 | Lunch break |
| TRACE project results, Session 2 | | |
| 14:30 | 14:50 | Mr. Konstantinos Sioulas, Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving (CRES): Collaboration schemes among national, regional and local public administrations for the implementation of EPBD |
| 14:50 | 15:10 | Mrs. Bernadette Tropper – Malz, Centre for Public Administration Research (KDZ): Capacity building in TRACE project |
| 15:10 | 15:30 | Mrs. Melita Borić, City of Zagreb: Training objectives and training needs in territorial administrations |

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| 15:30 | 15:50 | Mr. Pierluigi Fecondo, Province of MANTOVA: Collection of good practices on information campaigns for improving the energy efficiency of buildings, Set up the network of Energy Investment Forums |
| 15:50 | 16:10 | Simon Zečiri, Energy Agency of Savinjska, Šaleška and Koroška Region in Slovenia (KSSENA): Collection of good practices on the use and impact of energy performance certificates |
| 16:10 | 17:10 | Discussion |