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Bulgarian – Norwegian Collaboration Project on Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy for Reduction of Greenhouse Gases in Public Sector in the Black Sea Region Municipalities

Regional closing event: Summing up the results from the project, main lessons learnt, challenges and possibilities, and the next steps forward

March 30, 2011 in Varna

AGENDA

Program Part 1: Presentation of the results from the Bulgarian – Norwegian project

- 09:30** **Welcome** (Mr. Kiril Yordanov, Mayor of Varna, Introductions by Mr. Atanas Stoilov, Chairman of UBBSLA)
- Norwegian Ambassador to Bulgaria (Mr. Tove Skarstein)
 - Minister of EU Funds Management (Mr. Tomislav Donchev)
 - Deputy Governor, District Varna (Mr. Slavcho Slavov)
 - Executive Director of the National Association of Municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria (Mrs. Ginka Chavdarova)
- Introduction of the participants and today's program, information on coffee and lunch breaks (Mrs. Mariana Kancheva, UBBSLA)
- 10:15** **The EC policy to boost energy saving and alternative energy sources to reach the 20 20 20 climate and energy targets for 2020** (Mr. Pedro Ballesteros by video/Skype – conference from Brussels, 10 min)
- 10:30** **Key note speakers:**
- The importance of joint efforts to reach the EU 20-20-20 targets and the status of the EE in Bulgaria (Mr. Kolyo Kolev, Executive Director of the Energy Efficiency Agency – EEA, Ministry of Economy, Energy and Tourism in the Republic of Bulgaria, 20 min)
 - Action Plan for Energy Efficiency and the Municipal Plans (Mrs. Boryana Uzunova, Head of International Relations Department EEA, 10 min)
- 11:00** **The plans as starting point:** Results from the work with the energy and climate plans and state of the art in the three municipalities in the region, challenges and strategies, identified priorities and the way ahead
- General overview of the Bulgarian-Norwegian Project (Mr. Gunnbjørg Naavik, KS, 5 min)
 - Bourgas – main focus on the work with energy planning (Mrs. Stilyana Mihaylova, Bourgas Municipality, 10 min)
 - Dobrich – main focus on their work with energy audits (Ms Elena Atanasova, Dobrich Municipality, 10 min)
- 11:30** **Coffee break (biscuits and fruit)**

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- 11:50** **The critical link between plans and action:** Municipalities with adopted energy and climate plans must implement the planned actions in order to achieve results. Many actions could be organised as separate projects or programmes, and staffed, financed and managed accordingly. The following presentations will provide some good examples from Norwegian municipalities:
- **Climate Neutral Arendal – Reducing emissions, taking responsibility** (*Mr. Torill Rolstad Larsen, Mayor of Arendal/Mr. Robert Svendsen, 20 min*)
 - **Regional initiative for energy planning and implementation of energy efficiency measures in all municipal buildings** (*Mr. Ole Martin Norderhaug, Mayor of Trysil/Mr. Alf Kristian Enger, Regional Council of Sør Østerdal, 20 min*)

- 12:30** **Implementing the measures:** Presentation of the work with the three pilot buildings as best practice examples in the region. Considerations made in selecting the three buildings, preparing the refurbishments, architecture and design, technical solutions, applying for permissions, tendering, contracting and implementation
- **The Varna building – a complete refurbishment process** (*Mr. Todor Tonev, UBBSLA, 15 min*)
 - **The Dobrich building – energy efficiency measures in a kinder garden** (*Ms Elena Atanasova, Dobrich Municipality, 15 min*)

- 13:00** **The main lessons learnt and the way forward – discussion and exchange of views and experiences. Prepared questions and chairing** (Introduction by HJ Mydske and facilitated by Mr. Nedelcho Michaylov, Journalist)
- **Specific political (local) benefits from this project (questions to mayors)**
 - **Main practical experiences gained from the project (questions to administration)**
 - **How can the results from the project and the pilot buildings be used in the future to boost energy efficiency in the rest of the building stock (questions to all levels)**

13:30 **Lunch (nearby restaurant)**

Program Part 2: Policies, financial opportunities and new instruments

Chaired by Mr. Enzo Reali, EIRC Foundation (European Integration and Regional Competitiveness)

- 14:30** **EC Energy Policy, the Elena Instrument and New GEEREF (Global Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Fund) for the European Municipalities** (*Mr. Enzo Reali, EIRC Foundation, 20 min*)
- 14:50** **The new orientation of the EC Negotiated Programming initiative to boost the 20 20 20 strategy combining SF instrument (e.g. Jessica Jeremy) with the European programs. The example Borghi Vivi** (*Mr. Da Luiso – Euro*IDEES, 20 min*)
- 15:10** **Coffee break**
- 15:30** **Financing energy efficiency measures** (*Mr. Dimitar Dukov, Executive Director of the Energy Efficiency Fund in Bulgaria, 20 min*)
- 16:00** **Local climate and energy measures in Norway – new tools and financial mechanisms** (*Mr. Rune Opheim, CIVITAS Advisory Group, 20 min*)
- 16:30** **Concluding remarks** (*Mr. Atanas Stoilov, Chairman of UBBSLA*)
- 17:00** **End of the workshop**