



Rural Web Energy Learning Network for Action

Workshop

# ***The Network of Energy Sustainable Local Communities***

***17 – 19 October 2011***

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## About project

The new European Union 2020 sustainable development vision provides an opportunity to tackle the current financial and economic crises through maintaining local jobs and wealth. The regional authorities demonstrate their willingness to implement sound local sustainable energy policies, especially through their participation in the EU Covenant of Mayors initiative. They are committing themselves to address the problem and become a driving force and frontrunner in the fight against climate change. It is very important for them to be adequately supported in this respect.

This is particularly true for the rural communities. Indeed, the lack of technical capacity and the limited resources are the most important barriers for these areas, which are characterized by lower development rates and are especially afflicted by the continuing crisis that strangles their development efforts.

ERENET project aims to add value to local actions in rural communities, creating an intelligent and integrated "Rural Web Energy Learning Network for Action". ERNET will foster rural communities in the development, implementation and monitoring of their Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAPs), capacity building of the related actors through knowledge transfer from experienced communities and identification of bankable projects, matured enough to be included under national or different EU funds.

The triangle of academia-regional energy agencies-local authorities' interactions will be involved in obtaining the aims, supporting the vision of sustainable energy, knowledge-based, rural communities.

## Programme

**Monday , 17. October 2011- Šipun Hall, Hotel Croatia**

**14.30- 15:00- Registration of participants and welcome coffee**

**15.00- 15:30- Opening and welcome speech**

- Prof. John Psarras, project coordinator, National Technical University of Athens (NTUA)
- Dr. Julije Domac, managing director, North-west Croatia Regional Energy Agency (REGEA)
- Luka Korda, mayor, Konavle municipality

**15.30- 17:30- Session I- Covenant of Mayors (CoM) and eReNet project**

- *Introduction of eRenet project*- Dr. sc. Alexandra Papadopoulou, project manager, NTUA
- *EC initiative Covenant of Mayors* - MSc Vesna Kolega, REGEA
- *Croatian municipalities in Covenant of Mayors* - Sanda Djukić, REGEA
- *Methodology of Sustainable Energy Action Plan* - Ivana Horvat, REGEA
- *The City of Zagreb as CoM Supporting Structure*, Melita Borić, City Office for Energy, Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development

**17:30-18:00-** Discussion

**Tuesday, 18 October 2011 – Šipun Hall, Hotel Croatia**

**9:30-11:00- Session II- Successful Energy Efficiency Projects**

- Ralf Mützel, Neumarkt municipality
- MSc Vlatka Berlan Vlahek, City of Ivanić-grad
- MSc Duško Radulović, City of Rijeka

**11:00 – 11:30** Coffee break

**11:30-13:00- Panel: How to plan energy sustainable development of municipalities?**

- Daniel Bukovinski, Brdovec municipality
- Anđela Cirkveni, mayor, Pušća municipality
- Ivo Gavranić, mayor, Blato municipality
- Nikola Knežić, mayor, Dubrovačko primorje municipality
- Božo Lasić, Konavle municipality
- Ivo Milatić, mayor, Jelsa municipality
- Ivan Radovančić, deputy mayor, Sućuraj municipality
- Božidar Škrinjarić, mayor, Pokupsko municipality

**13:00 – 14:00** Lunch break

**14:15- 17:00- Expert Excursion**

- Kindergarten Grude
- The production of olive oil/ energy use of olive waste in Konavle field;
- Visit to the winery/wine tasting

**Wednesday, 19 October 2011 – Šipun Hall, Hotel Croatia**

**10:00-13:00- Session III- Supporting local authorities in the Process of SEAP preparation, implementation and monitoring**

- *GIZ project: Capital Cities Initiative* - MSc Vesna Kolega, REGEA
- *Supporting local communities in developing renewable energy in SE England* - Keith Richards, TV Energy
- *Supporting local communities in sustainable energy projects implementation in NW Croatia* - Sanda Djukić, REGEA
- *Supporting local community in realisation of energy efficiency projects* - Ivan Šimić, Regional Energy Agency North
- *Supporting local community in realisation of energy efficiency projects-* Darko Jardas, Regional Energy Agency Kvarner

**13:00–14:30-** Lunch Break

## **14.30–16.00- Session IV: The keys to be sure your project will be financeable – Part 1**

Moderators: Moran Marangunić (PBZ), Hrvoje Maras (REGEA)

### **Key speakers:**

Marija Šćulac, Environment Protection and Energy Efficiency Fund (EPEEF)

Dubravka Bošnjak, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit – Open Regional Fund(GIZ ORF)

Zlatko Zmijarević, Croatian Energy Regulatory Agency (HERA)

### **16:00-16:30- Coffee break**

## **16:30-18:00 - Session IV: The keys to be sure your project will be financeable – Part 2**

Moderators: Dr Alexandra Papadopoulou (NTUA), Ira Saul Rubenstein (Traficon s.r.o.)

### **Key speakers:**

Robert Ghelasi (Capital Partners),

Natalia Meylunas (EBRD TAM BAS),

Lloyd Stevens (Green for Growth Fund SEE)

### **18:00-18:30: Final discussion and workshop closing**

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