



RURAL WEB ENERGY LEARNING NETWORK FOR ACTION



SUBJECT

- ERENET MEETING: IMPLEMENTATION OF 1ST PROGRESS MEETING, 5-6 MARCH 2012, SERTĀ, PORTUGAL
- ADHESION OF THE ERENET COMMUNITIES TO THE CoM
- UPCOMING ACTIVITIES: ERENET TRAINING & ERENET COMMUNITIES SEAPs' PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETINGS

ERENET IN BRIEF

eReNet aims to add value to local actions in rural communities, creating an intelligent and integrated "Rural Web Energy Learning Network for Action". eReNet, mainly through peer to peer communication with all engaged actors, but also with the support of e-communication, will foster the rural learning 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 European Union (EU) structural funds. An additional step forward for these efforts will be the realization of the existing SEAPs' methodologies and learning tools into a web application (e-application), contributing to the reduction of required time, municipality resources and capacities for the development of tailor made SEAPs and their monitoring.

ERENET COMMUNITIES SIGNING THE CoM



The eReNet learning communities (Amyntaio, Judenburg, Sertā, Assenovgrad, Dugo Selo, Sveta Nedelja) have all signed the Covenant of Mayors (CoM). Moreover, as a sign of their political commitment, representatives of three municipalities, namely the Mayor of Sertā, Mr. José Farinha Nunes, the Mayor of Sveta Nedelja, Mr. Drago Prahin, and the Mayor's deputy of Dugo Selo, Mr. Ivan Gereci, participated in the CoM ceremony in Brussels, on November 29th, 2011.

During the ceremony, the Mayors had the opportunity to share their experiences and vision with other municipalities and to send a hopeful message in the context of the international negotiations on climate change.

Figure 1. eReNet Communities Mayors in the CoM Ceremony

ERENET MEETING

eReNet 1st Progress meeting took place in Sertā on the 5th and 6th of March 2012 and it was held in the City hall building with the support of the Municipality of Sertā and the Mayor Mr. José Farinha Nunes.

All the participants analyzed with enthusiasm their activities for the information of the wider public in terms of sustainable energy planning, and the engagement of the key-stakeholders in the preparation of the communities' SEAPs.

Additional issues regarding eReNet's progress were also addressed during the meeting.



Figure 2. eReNet Team - 1st Progress Meeting, Sertā, Portugal

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

A series of interesting upcoming activities are being organized from the eReNet communities in many countries across EU. A **training workshop** is implemented in Neumarkt in May, while the eReNet rural communities are organizing the **1st public consultation meeting** on the draft version of their SEAPs in June and July, some of these within the concept of the EU Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW 2012). More information on these activities is provided in the following paragraphs.

Training Workshop

on **Sustainable Energy Planning - Methodology and implementation**

May 8th – 10th, Neumarkt, Germany

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The Training Workshop on "Sustainable Energy Planning - Methodology and Implementation" will be realized in Neumarkt, Germany on the 8th - 10th of May. The workshop is addressed to representatives from the local authorities and local energy agencies, who are interested to learn more on Sustainable Energy Planning and the procedures of entering the CoM and developing a SEAP.

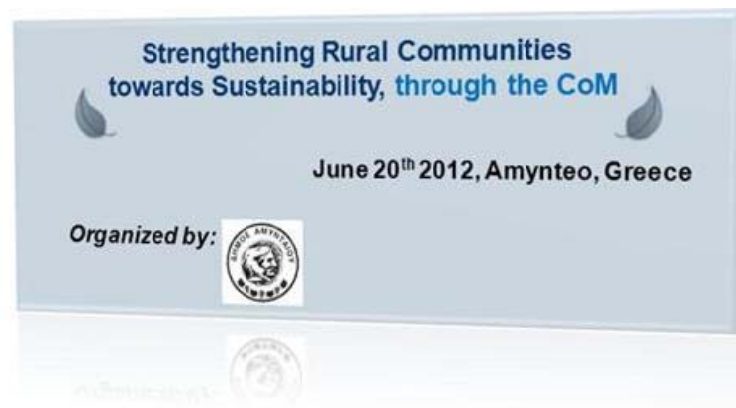
Limited seats are still available and priority will be given to representatives from the local authorities. More information on the agenda and how to register to the workshop is provided [here](#).

The Municipality of Dugo Selo organizes its 1st Public Consultation Meeting within the framework of the “Energy Day in Dugo Selo”, in Dugo Selo, Croatia, on the 15th of June 2012. Main focus in this event is provided to the discussion of Dugo Selo’s SEAP, as well as the realization of parallel events promoting the use of Renewable Energy Sources and Rational Use of Energy.



The Municipality of Sertã, within the concept of the European Union Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW), organizes the event “Energy Sustainability in Rural Communities: Keeping up with CoM Challenges”, in Sertã, Portugal, on the 19th of June 2012. Main objective of the event is to analyze and aware rural communities in what concerns the CoM challenges.

The Municipality of Amynteo organizes the event “Strengthening Rural Communities towards Sustainability, through the CoM” in Amynteo, Greece, on the 20th of June 2012. Main aim of the event is to disseminate the CoM concept as well as its beneficial character towards rural communities’ sustainable energy development. To this end, the event will also act as a public consultation meeting regarding the community’s Sustainable Energy Action Plan (SEAP) implementation, triggering exchange of knowledge, information and ideas.



The Municipality of Judenburg organizes the 1st public consultation meeting on its SEAP, on the 28th of June 2012, in the municipal building of Judenburg, Austria. Main objective of the event is to thoroughly discuss with all the community actors the energy vision and sustainable energy planning of the territory.

The Municipality of Asenovgrad organizes the 1st public consultation meeting on its SEAP, on the 4th of July 2012, in the municipal building of Asenovgrad, Bulgaria. Main objective of the event is to thoroughly discuss with all the community actors the energy vision and sustainable energy planning of the territory.



WHO WE ARE

GREECE

National Technical University of Athens - NTUA
Municipality of Amyntaio

BULGARIA

Black Sea Energy Research Center - BSERC
ASENOVGRAD Municipality

AUSTRIA

Energy Agency Upper Styria - EAO
Municipality of JUDENBURG

PORTUGAL

IrRADIARE, Ltd
SERTÃ City Council

CROATIA

North West Croatia Regional Energy Agency - REGEA

GERMANY

Town of NEUMARKT (in the upper Palatine)

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