

Improving Energy Efficiency in the Residential Sector in Albania

National Workshop

Polis University – December 12th 2013

Co-PLAN, Institute for Habitat Development, is pleased to invite you to the national workshop “Improving energy efficiency in the residential sector in Albania”.

The workshop will take place at Polis University premises on December 12, 2013. It is organized by Co-Plan, Institute for Habitat Development, in cooperation with Ekolevizja, Milieukontakt Albania, and Eden Centre in the framework of the EU financed project “Development of the ENV.net in West Balkan and Turkey: giving citizens a voice to influence the environmental process reforms for closer EU integration” through the Partnership Programs for Civil Society Organizations.

The European Union, in its Climate and Energy package, introduced a set of binding legislation to all member states, aiming to ensure the achievement of the 20-20-20 targets for 2020 or:

- A 20% reduction in EU greenhouse gas emissions from 1990 levels;
- Raising the share of EU energy consumption produced from renewable resources to 20%;
- A 20% improvement in the EU's energy efficiency.

Whilst this initiative has also been introduced in candidate and potential candidate countries through corresponding obligations in the legislative sector, Albania remains amongst the few to not have set concrete objectives in line with the 20-20-20 EU strategy. Despite the progress observed in increasing the share of renewables, there is a need for substantial efforts towards increasing energy efficiency.

To date, the institutional attention has been focused on reducing “transmission and distributional losses”, whilst there are no official guidelines on how to increase energy efficiency in the residential sector considering that the latter is responsible for 23% of the energy consumed in Albania. Furthermore, the current legislative framework (namely the Law on Energy Efficiency and the Condominium Code) have yet to be updated in line with the EU directives, whilst there is a lack of monitoring or stimulating instruments to enable any such practices.

Based upon, Co-PLAN, Ekolevizja, Milieukontakt Albania and Eden Centre will aim the workshop to focus on aspects of residential energy efficiency, and to fulfill the following objectives: (i) Provide an analysis of the institutional and legislative progress to date, in the energy efficiency sector in condominiums; (ii) Present recommendations to improve the current legislative and institutional framework for increasing energy efficiency in condominiums in Albania; (iii) Raise awareness among citizens, civil society organizations, and institutions on the necessity for progress in this field and (iv) strengthen the role of civil society in improving legal framework on energy efficiency and facilitating its implementation.

Following this, we would like to assure you that we would be delighted to have you among us and we would be pleased to have your intervention on the opening remarks.

Workshop Agenda

9:15 to 9:30 Registration

Opening remarks

9:30 to 9:40 Introduction on the objectives of the workshop – Mr. Dritan Shutina, Co-PLAN, Institute for Habitat Development.

9:40 to 9:50 Governmental program and policies stimulating energy efficiency – HE Mr. Damian Gjijnuri, Minister of Energy and Industry (tbc)

9:50 to 10:00 EU policies towards achieving the 20-20-20 energy efficiency targets – HE Ambassador Ettore Sequi, Head of the EU Delegation to Albania (tbc)

Legal, social and financial gap analysis of Energy Efficiency in residential

10:00 to 10:15 Legal gap analysis on energy efficiency in residential sector – Mr. Redion Biba, Co-PLAN, Institute for Habitat Development,

10:30 to 10:45 Energy efficiency in residential – from citizens knowhow to implementation. – Mrs. Valbona Mazreku, Milieukontakt Albania and Ekolevizja,

10:45 to 11:00 Monitoring and analysis of energy efficiency in residential - An Open-source Prospective Energy Analysis tool – Mrs. Ermelinda Mahmutaj, Eden Centre and Ekolevizja,

11:00 to 11:10 Financial instruments for supporting energy efficiency in residential – ProCredit Bank, Albania

Government response and way forward

11:10 to 11:30 Transposing Energy Efficiency Directive through the Energetic Code – Mr. Gjergji Simaku, Directorate of Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Energy and Industry.

11:30 to 12:15 Discussion and Concluding Remarks

The Workshop will take place at POLIS University premises, on December 12, 2013, at 09:15h.

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