



WP3: Pilot regions

Session on CITYnvest at General Assembly Meeting of Association of Rhodope Municipalities (ARM) 25 March 2016

Description of the event

Aim and Attendees

The first General Assembly Meeting of ARM since the latest local elections took place on 25 March 2016 and was attended by the legitimate members of GA. The meeting was attended by 20 participants of which 16 authorized delegates (Mayors and/or Members of Municipal Council) of 9 municipalities of the region namely Banite, Borino, Bratsigovo, Zlatograd, Madan, Nedelino, Rudozem, Smolyan and Chepelare.

A special session at the meeting was devoted to presenting CITYnvest concept and activities, and to attract the attention of the local authorities of the region towards the positive experience of GRE-Liege and the benefits for their energy efficiency targets achievement in case of successful replication of the one-stop-shop in Rhodope Region. Mrs. Pandelieva from Sofia Energy Centre delivered the presentation of the context of CITYnvest project, the experience of GRE-Liege and the proposed concept of one-stop-shop for Rhodope Region as foreseen in the draft Action Plan.

Discussions and conclusions

After the presentation there was a discussion at which the delegates posed their questions and comments on the presented. The questions were focused on several issues more specifically on the concrete benefits for the local authorities, the financial engagements for the one-stop-shop creation and operation, and last but not least any possible legal contradictions with the Bulgarian Public Procurement Law that may differ from the one in Belgium applicable to GRE-Liege case.

The overall attitude was positive and the initiative was regarded as beneficial and necessary provided that the above legal issues are cleared. For this purpose it was agreed that Mrs. Pandelieva will prepare a special document - short summary (2-3 pages) of the Action Plan – with the main points of the proposed one-stop-shop for Rhodope Region and will send it to the Delegates of GA who will present it to their legal departments to check the applicability of different proposed functions, especially concerning tendering for energy efficiency works and the legal boundaries to which the one-stop-shop can deliver services on behalf of the local authorities.

One-to-one meetings

Additionally Mrs. Pandelieva had a one-to-one meeting with the Deputy Mayor of Smolyan Municipality who was very positive towards the initiative and promised their support after respective consultations with the Mayor. The subscription of Smolyan to the idea of Rhodope one-stop-shop is important as their example can be used to attract the smaller satellite municipalities like Zlatograd and Chepelare to the initiative.

Photos of the event





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СПИСЪК НА ПРИСЪТВАЛИТЕ КМЕТОВЕ / ЗАМ.-КМЕТОВЕ И ДЕЛЕГАТИ В ОБЩОТО СЪБРАНИЕ НА АРО на 25 МАРТ 2016 г.

ОБЩИНА	ИМЕ И ФАМИЛИЯ	ПОЗИЦИЯ
Баните	Ферад Емин	Зам.-кмет
Борино	Мустафа Караахмед	Кмет
Брацигово	Петко Петков	Кмет
Златоград	Мирослав Янчев	Кмет
Мадан	Фахри Молайсенов	Кмет
Неделино	Боян Кехайов	Кмет
Рудозем	Евелин Бозов	Зам.-кмет
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