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Workshop at Belovo**GENERAL INFORMATION**DATE: 30th October 2008

VENUE: Municipal Administration Premises

CITY: Belovo

REGION: Belovo

ATTENDEES

There were around 50 participants – mainly representatives from Pazardjik region municipalities, mayors from the local counties, other politicians, businessmen, representatives from NGOs, and general public.

1. Kuzman Marinkov – Mayor of Municipality of Belovo;
2. Dipl. Eng. Petar Dodov – Deputy mayor of Municipality of Belovo.
3. Aneta Kecheva – Deputy mayor of Municipality of Belovo;
4. Georgi Gerginekov – Mayor of Municipality of Panagyurishte;
5. Ivan Mitov – Mayor of Gorno Belovo council;
6. Iliya Marinkov – Mayor of Momina Klissura council;
7. Angel Stoev – Mayor of Akandjievovo council;
8. Vassil Milanov – Mayor of Menenkiovo council;
9. Stoycho Stefanov – Mayor of Sestrimo council;
10. Georgi Radulov – Mayor of Dabravite council;
11. Georgi Paliyski – Mayor of Gabrovitza county;
12. Violeta Aksharova – Senior expert, Construction department, Municipality of Belovo;
13. Liubka Hadjiyska – Forester, Municipal Forestry;
14. Tzvetozara Blajeva – Technician in Municipal Forestry;
15. Dipl. Eng. Mariana Todorova – Head of Euro-integration Dept. in MB;
16. Vasil Drenkov – Head of Protocol office in MB;
17. Desislava Nikolova – Public relations, MB;
18. Siyka Kalaydjyiska – Ecologist in MB;
19. Ivan Troyanov – Municipal councilor in MB;
20. Liubomir Kalaydjyiski – Municipal councilor in MB;
21. Prof. Dr. Svetoslav Gerasimov – President of the Union for conservation of nature;
22. Dipl. Eng. Nikola Stanoev – Executive manager of Termo97 Ltd;
23. Ivan Tilev – Senior expert, Regional Government of District Pazardjik;
24. Vladimir Valkov – Executive director of REAP;
25. Dipl. Eng. Iliya Doychinov – Senior expert in REAP.
26. Georgi Simeonov – Expert in REAP;
27. Liyana Adjarova – Executive director of EAP;
28. Klimentina Hadjieva – Senior expert in EAP;
29. Trendafil Staykov – Expert in ABEA;
30. Ivan Shoshkov – Director in SOFENA;
31. Zdravko Georgiev – Senior expert in SOFENA;
32. Aleksander Stanoev – Director in Shneps Ltd.;
33. Kiril Vangelov – Manager in Erato holding Ltd.;
34. Nikola Abadjiev – Global Certification Services SA;
35. Dimitar Nenov – citizen from village of Dabravite;

36. Liliana Petrova – citizen from village of Dabravite;
37. Aleksander Slavkov – citizen from village of Gabrovitza;
38. Giurgena Piponkova – citizen from village of Dabravite;
39. Ivan Piponkov – citizen from village of Dabravite;
40. Vasil Kovachev – citizen from village of Menenkiovo;
41. Stanka Pancheva – citizen from Belovo;
42. Petko Ilchev – citizen from village of Goliamo Belovo;
43. Zaprian Kotzev – citizen from village of Gabrovitza;
44. Vasil Lazarov – citizen from village of Akandjievo;
45. Yordan Lichev – citizen from village of Akandjievo;
46. Maria Gineva – citizen from village of Momina Klissura;
47. Georgi Katzarski – citizen from village of Menenkiovo;
48. Vasil Petrov – citizen from village of Dabravite;
49. Georgi Tonov – citizen from village of Menenkiovo;
50. Boriana Bitcheva – citizen from village of Menenkiovo;
51. Spasa Shumanova – citizen from village of Akandjievo;
52. Angel Tzvetanski – citizen from village of Goliamo Belovo;
53. Ekaterina Kehayova – citizen from village of Goliamo Belovo;
54. Aleksander Grozdanov – citizen from village of Menenkiovo.

MAIN SUBJECTS DEVELOPED

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Kuzman Marinkov – mayor of Belovo municipality.

Before the actual start of the workshop Mr. Simeonov from REAP handed out to all participants CDs with the software tool (D.4.1) in it; also a brochure explaining advantages of pellets and wood chips was distributed at the meeting. Last issue of the regional newspaper “Maritza” has been also handed out to all participants as in last two consecutive issues of this newspaper there were a lot of materials published with reference to the ASTWOOD project.

At the beginning of the workshop, Dipl.eng. Doychinov from REAP presented the software tool – its features, and how to use it. He also presented what could be the practical application of this tool – mainly to assist politicians, businessmen, and general public through the whole process of implementing the wood chips and pellets technology. It was explained that the tool could be easily downloaded from the project’s website. The attendants showed interest on this tool as at the end of the presentation they asked a lot of questions about it and about the project.

After this presentation and following discussions, mayor of Belovo municipality introduced the audience with practical actions which had undertaken the local administration in order to implement main project outputs. He reported about the opportunities for new jobs creation which provides ASTWOOD project as well as energy refurbishment of two municipal buildings in last several months, and the adoption of a Municipal Energy Efficiency Programme which emphasizes on RES implementation as an alternative to conventional fuels. In his speech, Mr. Marinkov has also assured the audience that the main priority before Belovo municipal administration is to release the region from oil fuels which are being used for heating purposes and to continue energy refurbishment of buildings.

FEEDBACKS FROM PARTICIPANTS

Aneta Kecheva, deputy mayor of MB: The administration of Belovo Municipality fully supports the concept for substitution of oil boiler fuel by biomass fuel, and more specifically by wood chips. The most significant municipal buildings have been already included in a project under Operational programme Regional Development, and an important part of our project is the substitution of heating systems. In this way, we shall diminish considerably the heating costs for municipal buildings and also the harmful emissions. Our municipality has enough quantities of wood biomass, which is needed for supplying the municipal objects. Implementation of such project for the heating systems in municipal buildings will serve as demonstration to the citizens thus fostering the use of renewable energy in households.

Dipl. Eng. Petar Dodov, deputy mayor of MB: We have disseminated a thematic brochure, elaborated in collaboration with REAP, among the municipal population and it was met by the citizens with a great interest. Local citizens have been already persuaded that the use of pellets is much better than the use of firewood for heating purposes. Currently, the main obstacle is the weak supply of pellets and household heating appliances but this a matter of time to be resolved.

Ivan Tilev, Regional Government of District Pazardjik: So far, we have performed several meetings of the Regional Committee for Energy Efficiency (RCEE) in Pazardjik under the supervision of the Regional Government. The project ASTWOOD results have been estimated there obtaining high assessment.

A very useful seem to be the electronic tool developed under the project, and although REAP did a lot to disseminate it among local authorities from Pazardjik District, we shall fully assist the agency to disseminate it among local authorities from other regions in Bulgaria.

Kiril Vangelov, Manager in Erato holding Ltd: As you know, our company is a leader on the local market for biomass heating systems. We produce boilers and the necessary equipment with power capacity between 25 and 1000 kW. Recently, we started production of a whole range of installations for processing of forest biomass and wood residues. We are ready to share our practical experience in the area of biomass heating systems with the administration of Belovo Municipality. We appreciate the role of REAP – their dissemination activities for RES utilization, as well as the pre-feasibility studies performed by the agency which would accelerate considerably the practical implementation of RES into both, local authority and household sectors.

Nikola Stanoev, Termo97 Ltd: The project results are very beneficial to our company. We have already installed heating systems which work on wood biomass fuel, and more specifically – wood chips. We are interested in and we have the potential to establish a pellet production line. The main problem is the lack of preferences for producers of RES fuels.

Liubka Hadjiyska, Municipal Forestry Administration: The project results are also necessary and useful for us. Practical implementation of these results would ensure additional profit for the forestry managements. They can help to improve forest road conditions, as well as to decrease forest fire rate and contribute to a better forest species reproduction.

MAIN CONCLUSIONS OF THE WORKSHOP

The workshop led to drawing the following conclusions:

1. The municipal administration of Belovo and local citizens are aware of the economical and ecological benefits resulting from utilization of RES in the local administration sector and in the households sector, and more specifically – substitution of boiler oil fuels, which are currently used in public buildings, by fuels produced from forest biomass and wood residues
2. There is a marked interest among business people for investing in energy-saving projects with implementation of RES.
3. Local administration of Belovo has created ten new jobs due to the project.
4. The municipality developed, in close cooperation with REAP, a “Municipal Energy Efficiency Programme” which was adopted several months ago, and would be followed in the next years.
5. The experienced gained by Municipality of Belovo during the project will be transferred to the other local administrations in District of Pazardjik which are already showing great interest in the project deliverables.

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