Public Dialogue Initiative on the Sustainable Use of Energy in South-East Europe

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GIZ Open Regional Fund for South East Europe-Energy Efficiency (GIZ ORF EE)

- Regional instrument of German Federal Ministry for Economic Development and Cooperation (BMZ) since 2008;
- Cooperation with different networks from South East Europe:
  1. Energy Community Secretariat and Ministries responsible for EE;
  2. Civil Society Organizations;
  3. Capital cities (Network of energy efficient capital cities);
  4. Associations of local self governments
Public Dialogue Initiative (PDI)

• With support of GIZ ORF-EE the Initiative started in 2010;
• Three phases of cooperation;
• December 2010 MoU between 3 partner political schools from Montenegro, Serbia and Croatia signed in Sarajevo; March 2011 political schools from Macedonia and Albania joined the Initiative;
• December 2012 all schools from seven countries from a SEE signed MoU in Podgorica;
• December 2014 new partners from Germany
MoU signing, Podgorica, 14th of December 2012
MoU signing, Sarajevo, 4th of December 2014
Network of Schools for Political Studies

- Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (Serbia)
- School for Democratic Leadership (Montenegro)
- Academy for Political Development in cooperation with DOOR- Society for Sustainable Development Design (Croatia)
- Centre for Research and Policy Making (FYR Macedonia)
- Albanian School of Political Studies (Albania)
- Prishtine Institute for Political Studies (Kosovo*)
- European Association of Schools of Political Studies in BH
Network of Schools for Political Studies

- Operating under auspices of Council of Europe;
- More than 10 years of experience in education of politicians, governmental officials, NGO leaders, media and local level representatives; broad alumni-network of decision makers;
- Excellent intermediaries to the decision makers and all relevant stakeholders in the society;
- GIZ ORF EE supported not only financially, but also provided advisory assistance.
Mission of the Initiative

- Support the progress towards achievement of the target for 20% improvement in energy efficiency by 2020 by enabling a proper environment for the successful implementation of relevant policies;

- Create political will for action through public dialogue across the key sectors of society; strengthening of intersectoral cooperation;

- Stimulate platforms for public dialogue on policies on EE and climate changes in the countries of South East Europe (recognizing the role of decision-makers, in particular members of parliaments)
Target groups

• Fostering capacity building and public dialogue on sustainable use of energy between:

Members of parliament
Government
Business sector
Civil society
Media
Local representatives

• Increasing the social and political will within all sectors of society
Dialogue platforms

• Over **85 national activities** for different stakeholder groups; creating a trustful relations;

• Educating and informing the members of parliament on EE;

• Initiating the **parliamentary hearings**; recognized as an excellent **platform for the public dialogue** for policy formulation and monitoring of implementation of laws and policies on EE; contribution to the good governance and participatory processes;

• First parliamentary hearings on EE held in 2012 in the relevant parliamentary committees in Montenegro and Serbia;

• In 2013 and 2014 – 5 hearings in MNE; SER, MKD, CRO, KOS

• In 2015 – for the first time in ALB and BH; MNE; SER; KOS
Members of Parliament and EnC

- First study trip of members of parliament to Energy Community ever in April 2013 organized by the Montenegrían school for political studies;
- Triggered the cooperation between EnC and the parliamentary committees for energy in the region;
- Parliamentary Plenum has been established end of 2015
Strengthening the roles of specific target groups in the dialogue processes

- **Strengthening the role of local level** in the dialogue processes;
- Associations of local self-governments are now part of the parliamentary hearings and advocate for municipalities;
- **Strengthening the role of NGOs** in the public dialogue processes on climate changes and sustainable use of energy;
- Joint actions of the NGOs in BH and MAC to the state institutions;
- Important NGO inputs on the Drafts of Laws related to EE in ALB, as well in KOS;
- In Albania the NGO-inputs given during the hearing have been included in the Law

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Strengthening of the PDI Network

- Bilateral visits to the hearings;
- Openness of the Initiative to the other organizations and donors;
- GIZ encouraged the PDI Network to independently apply for additional fundings on national and regional level;
- Konrad Adenauer Stiftung in KOS and MAC;
- The PDI Network has been in 2015 additionally supported by expertise of German organization Baltic Environmental Forum (BEF) and German Federal Foundation for Environment (DBU); parallel financing
Energy.Development.Democracy Conferences


1nd award given to two presidents Mr. Tadić and Mr. Josipović and a musician from Montenegro, Rambo Amadeus;
Energy.Development.Democracy Conferences

- 2nd regional conference Energy.Development.Democracy
- May 2013, Zagreb, Croatia;
- Need for regional networking of MPs on the topic of sustainable use of energy; best examples from a SEE in civil society, from local level, as well from the parliament and from the European policies;
- Regional "award" winner - Marijan Maras, City of Zagreb
Energy. Development. Democracy Conferences

Â 3rd regional conference in Podgorica in September 2015;

Â For the first time all relevant regional actors in SEE have been the co-organizers of one Conference in SEE (RCC, EnC, DBU, GIZ, South East Europe Association, Munich) or participated in the program;

Â Regional Ăњaward” winner - Aleksandar Damjanovic, Chair of the Parliamentary Committee responsible for Energy
Conclusions

- Further strengthening of the initiated parliamentary hearings in all countries and role of members of parliament;
- Further strengthening of the role of NGOs;
- Needed continuous dialogue among all society sectors;
- Patience and time needed;
- Sustainable use of energy is not anymore only a technical topic.
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