



## Declaration

### European Regions for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Sources

**Recognising** the crucial role of energy for economic development and the environmental situation in Europe and

**Understanding** the important contribution sustainable energy production and use can make to a positive economic and environmental development and

**Acting** out of responsibility for future generations and in partnership with other regions across Europe,

**We, the undersigned regional and local governments,** have made a commitment to increasing our share of renewable energy and to boosting energy efficiency in our regions. We acknowledge that energy efficiency and renewable energy sources are most important cornerstones of sustainable development because they contribute to environment and climate protection, to local job creation and economic growth, to security of energy supply, to independence from energy price fluctuations as well as to social cohesion and innovation.

**Recognising** the importance of local and regional action in making sustainability happen, we are actively promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy sources in our own buildings, installations and sites as well as to the citizens, municipalities and businesses in our regions.

**Deeply concerned** about climate change and the increasing dependency on imported fossil fuels and their impact on our environment and economies, **we call upon other European regions,** but also upon local and national governments as well as the European institutions, **to join forces for a better and more sustainable energy future!**

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## ANNEX

### Targets set by the undersigned Municipality of Dimitrovgrad in the field of sustainable energy:

- Implementation of the energy efficiency and renewable energy sources policies at municipal level, in accordance with the following documents:
  - Bulgarian Energy Strategy – chapter II.4;
  - Law of Energetics;
  - Law of Energy Efficiency;
  - Program of the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria;
  - National plan for climate changes actions;
  - National Plan for Development until 2006;
  - National Program for Energy Savings until 2014 and the the 3-year action plan;
  - National Program for Housing Renewal;
- Effective utilization of the energy sources;
- Lowering the energy expenses in the municipal budget;
- Reallocation of funds saved from effective energy utilization for other implementation of other municipal priorities;
- Sustainable usage of renewable energy sources in the municipality and increasing the energy produced by renewable energy sources.

*\* the targets are set in the Municipal Program for energy efficiency and renewable energy sources .*