ManagEnergy
Networking Event for Directors of Local and Regional Energy Agencies

Energy Agencies, supporters of the Covenant of Mayors signatory municipalities

in the Basque Country Office Brussels on the 24-25/06/2014

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The 3rd ManagEnergy Networking Event for the Directors of Energy Agencies provides a unique opportunity for the attendees to learn and share experiences on sustainable energy financing initiatives at the local and regional level.

The 2014 edition of this event will be dedicated to Energy Agencies as key partners of the Covenant of Mayors signatory municipalities or similar initiatives and will focus on the support that they can bring to the signatories of the Covenant of Mayors for the implementation of their Sustainable Energy Action Plans.

Since 2008, more than 5,700 municipalities have signed the Covenant of Mayors and are committed to implementing sustainable energy policies to meet and exceed the EU 20% CO2 reduction target through increased energy efficiency and the development of renewable energy sources. Most of these municipalities are very small and do not have the staff or the resources to fulfil their commitments. More than 100 energy agencies are working daily with the municipalities of their territories to set up their baseline emission inventories, to implement their plans through innovative financial solutions, etc...

Starting from presentations on Baseline Emission Inventory, followed how to implement SEAPs through innovative financial solutions..., Energy Agencies’ Directors will share their experiences and will brainstorm on how to enhance their performance as advisors.

Furthermore, during this 2014 edition ManagEnergy Networking Event for Energy Agencies Directors will celebrate the **1st Covenant of Mayors Signing Event for Local and Regional Energy Agencies**. The energy agencies will commit to:

- Promote among the local, provincial, regional authorities the accession to the Covenant of Mayors.
- Provide technical support to signatories for the development and the implementation of the Sustainable Energy Action Plans.
- Participate actively in the Covenant initiative by: uploading technical tools and materials developed for signatories in the Extranet, providing examples to be shared with the community (Benchmarks of Excellence).
• Cooperate with all the other Covenant Coordinators and Supporters involved in the Covenant of Mayors activities within the territory of its competence.

• Report regularly to DG ENER of the European Commission on the results obtained, via, among others, the annual implementation report sent by the Covenant of Mayors Office and, in case of non-submission of this report, accept the suspension of its membership of the Covenant of Mayors, subject to prior written notice by the Covenant of Mayors Office.

To become a Covenant of Mayors signatory Energy Agency, you will have to:
• Register your interest by sending an email to coordinators@eumayors.eu,
• After checking the eligibility of your agency, a pledge will be sent to you,
• After signature of the pledge, your agency will be officially recognised as a key player of the Covenant of Mayors.

This will be an interactive event leaving much room for discussions. It will be led by Peter Woodward, an experienced independent moderator. For each topic, interesting case examples will feed the discussions. The total number of participants will be limited.

Objective: This networking event aims to reinforce the links between regional and local energy agencies as well as between the National networks of energy agencies. Designed in a fully interactive way, the event will provide an opportunity to exchange experiences on subjects that are relevant for local and regional energy agencies. What roles they can play to support sustainable municipalities and regions will be discussed. At the end of this event, every participant should go home with new ideas of activities for their agencies.

Target audience: Local Energy Agencies; Regional Energy Agencies; National networks of Energy Agencies.

PROGRAMME

Day 1 – Tuesday 24th of June 14.30-17.30

Many LAREAs work with municipalities to collect data on energy consumption and, based on this data, develop priorities for concrete projects. Energy agencies are knowledge providers. Their role is crucial to help municipalities in data collection, meaningful stakeholder participation, monitoring of progress. Energy agencies can offer invaluable help in this process by providing professional skills from their own staff, as well as access to other energy agency professionals across the EU who are working on similar plans and who are willing to share their experience.

14.00 - Welcome coffee and Registration

14.30 - Introduction
• Marta Marin, Delegate of the Government of the Basque Country to the EU
• Anette Jahn, European Commission, EASME B1 Energy
• Lessons learnt and opportunities for Energy Agencies, Vassilia Argyraki, EASME, B1 Energy (main points from the Report on the Energy Agencies)
15.20 - **Session I: Technical Support for sustainable energy planning**

- Energy data collection: How an energy data observatory supports municipalities in setting up baseline emission inventories, Jose Ramon Lopez - EVE Basque Energy Agency, ES

- Benchmarking of public buildings: The Energy Agency as key success factor in Lower Austria, Franz Patzl, Department of environmental and energy economics, Lower Austria & Hubert Fragner, Head of Department for Communities and Regions, ENU, Energie-Und Umweltagentur Niederösterreich, AT.

16.00 - **Session II: From monitoring to action**

- Multilevel and multilateral cooperation as key element for the implementation of i-SEAPs, Alexis Chatzimpiros – IOS Aegean energy Agency, EL

- Massification of sustainable buildings including territorial criteria: the CESBA approach, Etienne Vienot - RAEE, Rhônalpénérge-Environnement, FR

The participants will then walk together to the Charlemagne building of the European Commission.

Please register for this event here: [www.eusew.eu/component/see_eventview/?view=see_eventdetail&eventid=2072](http://www.eusew.eu/component/see_eventview/?view=see_eventdetail&eventid=2072)

at 18.00
**Ceremony of Sustainable Energy and ManagEnergy Awards**
Followed by a cocktail
DAY 2 - Wednesday 25th of June am

8.30 - Welcome coffee

9.00 - Financing sustainable energy projects
- Financing the retrofitting of city district Donji grad within the City of Zagreb: Zagreb revolving fund, Velimir Segon - REGEA, HR
- Energy Performance Contracting: EPC on public lighting, Christiane Egger - OÖ Energiesparverband, AT
- Fostering citizens’ investment into renewables projects through crowdfunding, Irene Tordera, European Crowdfunding Network
- Embrace the REScoop revolution: Outsourcing sustainable development to citizens, Siward Zomer, REScoop

10.30 - 1st Covenant of Mayors Signing Ceremony for the local and Regional Energy Agencies, Adam Szolyak - European Commission, DG ENERGY

11.00 - Coffee break

11.30 - European Support for Project Development Assistance (PDA)
- Coalition between region, municipalities and public utility: Energy monitoring and identifying priority for renovation, Patrick Boucneau, Province of Limburg, BE
- 100 Sustainable and Efficient Municipalities: a Project Development Assistance supported by the Cariplo Foundation in Lombardy Region, Sergio Zabot - Politecnico di Milano, IT
- Funding for finance in Horizon 2020 – opportunities for energy agencies: Stephan Renner, European Commission, EASME B.1 Energy

12.30 End of the meeting

Date: 24th & 25th of June 2014
Location: Basque Country Office, 27 rue des 2 églises, Brussels (300 m from the Charlemagne building). Metro: Arts-Loi
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