

Project status

With this third newsletter we would like to inform you about the work that has been carried out within the second step of the European project EYE Manager Championship in which the championship is being organized.

The EYEManager project's aim is to inform people about how to prevent further environmental problems. By involving young people in the competition two things are achieved: first of all, the youngsters will become individuals who know how to save energy and how to take care of the environment; secondly, the youngsters will pass their knowledge about these issues on to their parents, neighbors, friends etc. So everyone will know how to save energy, now and in the future.

At the moment, the project is in its second phase. In the first phase, the programs and tools needed for the project were designed. In phase two, the students are the protagonists, they are taught how to run the programs and tools. So, now, the students will have to go on with the project by themselves.

THE OFFICIAL START OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

On the 25th of November 2009, youngsters and tutors from nine European countries (Bulgaria, Greece, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden) were gathered at Velenje, Slovenia, in order to start officially the EYEManager Championship.

In the City Hall of Velenje, all the participants got a warm welcome by local students who had prepared a very nice ceremony.



Members of the youth welcome team

Authority representatives were present to welcome the participants as well, namely: Mr. Srecko Meh (the Mayor of Velenje Urban Municipality), Mr. Ivan Kotnik (Director of Velenje School Centre - SCV), Mr. Martin Eibl (Project Officer - EACI), and Mr. Miran Papez (Coordinator, SCV).



VIP guests and organizers

After the morning session at the City Hall, the official start of the Championship Kick off Meeting (KoM) took place at the Velenje School Centre. All the groups from nine European countries came together and met at MIC in Velenje, Slovenia. There were 122 students from 9 European countries involved in the project. The Inter-company Training Centre was hosting 119 foreign guests: 91 students, 13 mentors and 15 representatives of European institutions. The total number of participants is 162, 43 of which come from the Velenje School Centre.

SCHOOLS INVOLVED IN THE COMPETITION & TEAMS COMPOSITION

The schools participating in the European Young Energy Manager Championship project are: "Hristo Botev" 21 General comprehensive school, Bulgaria; Doukas School, Greece; L'ISTITUTO D'ISTRUZIONE SUPERIORE "L. da Vinci", Italy; IV Liceum Ogólnokształcące w Rzeszowie im. Mikołaja Kopernika, Poland; Secondary School Emidio Navarro, Portugal; Scoala cu clasele I-VIII Nr. 45 "Titu Maiorescu", Romania; Velenje School Centre, Slovenia; Institut de Ensenyament Secundari Els Évols l'Alcudia Valencia, Spain and Tullägsskolan Örebro, Sweden.

The EYEManager project foresaw 6 INTERNATIONAL teams: each team is composed by students of the 9 European Countries involved in the project, the total number being 28 students. Each team will have a leader. And last but not least, the tutors of each school have the role of team coordinator.

Every two weeks, they will have 2-hour meetings to debate about what they are going to do next.



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THE ASSIGNMENT OF CASE STUDIES

In Slovenia, different CASE STUDIES, carried out by students of each country, have been presented. At a national level, the students, supported by technicians of the energy agency, have analyzed 2 schools and 2 houses and collected data concerning: energy consumption, plant efficiency, buildings and equipment etc. Therefore, there are 4 energy audits per country with a total of 36 (18 schools and 18 houses) per project.

Mr. Martin Eibl, the Project Officer, with the assistance of Mrs. Francesca Pignattini, the project coordinator, run the “ballot” assignment procedure of the 3 houses and 3 schools, “Case Studies” that each International Team will work on, preparing the Energy Saving Plan that will have the most efficient results both as regards energy consumption and economically. In this way, each team knows exactly which Energy Saving Plan they must design. All the team members must carry out the work jointly, trying to win the Championship and become the Best European Young Energy Managers.



What will happen next?

The international competition among the 6 international teams will continue. Each International Team will work on the 3 houses and 3 schools “Case Studies” assigned, preparing the Energy Saving Plans using EYEManager software, which allows the calculation of the economic savings deriving from each intervention. In order to implement this plan, each team will have a virtual budget that, step by step, gains or loses money on the base of the investment planned for the interventions and the economic saving deriving from these interventions. All the team members must carry out the work jointly, discussing their opinions during “virtual meetings”. In this way, each team will try to win the Championship and the team members will try to become the Best European Young Energy Managers.

The EYEManager Championship Award ceremony will take place during the International conference in February 2011 in Italy, where the Winner will be announced and awarded.

More information

More information can be found on our web-site: www.eyemanager.eu.

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