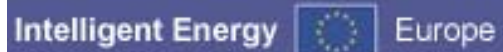




EYEManager Kick off meeting



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EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP KICK – OFF MEETING

25th – 26th NOVEMBER

VELENJE, SLOVENIA

INTRODUCTION

At 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 Intercompany Training Center of Velenje about 100 students, their teachers as well as representatives of European Energy Agencies met in order to get to know each other, to present their work (case studies/energy audits of schools and houses) as well as their home countries, to form the International Teams, and to see which case study will be assigned to each Team (see the list of participants in the I).

The participant Schools were:

- 21 General Comprehensive School "Hristo Botev", Bulgaria
- Doukas School, Greece
- L'Instituto d'Instruzione Superiore "L. da Vinci", Italy
- IV Liceum Ogólnokształcące w Rzeszowie im. Mikołaja Kopernika, Poland
- Secondary School Emidio Navarro, Portugal
- Școala cu clasele I-VIII Nr. 45 "Titu Maiorescu", Romania
- School Center Velenje, Slovenia
- Intsitut de Ensenyament Secundari Els Evols l'Alcudia Valencia, Spain
- Tullangsskolan Orebro, Sweden

The participant Energy Agencies were:

- Agenzia per l' Energia e l' Ambiente della Provincia di Perugia, Italy
- Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving (CRESS), Greece
- Podkarpacka Energy Management Agency Ltd, Poland
- Local Energy Management Agency of Almada, Portugal
- Energy Restructuring Agency d.o.o., Slovenia
- Agencia Energetica de Ribera, Spain
- Orebro Country Energy Agency, Sweden

Also there were representatives of three more participants (project partners), namely Paideia Foundation, Bulgaria, Noesis European Development Agency, Italy and Institutul National de Cercetare Dezvoltare in Informatica (ICI), from Romania. A brief description of all activities carried out during this 2-day event is given in the following paragraphs.

DESCRIPTION OF THE KOM ACTIVITIES (FOR BOTH DAYS)

WEDNESDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2009

SECTION I: IN THE CITY HALL OF VELENJE

In the City Hall of Velenje all the participants got a warm welcome by local students who had prepared a very nice ceremony. Representatives from authorities were present to welcome the participants as well, namely:

- Mr Srecko Meh- the Mayor of Velenje Urban Municipality- gave some interesting information about Velenje, especially regarding the environmental management of the municipality and the education.



- Mr Ivan kotnik – Director of School Center of Velenje (SCV) – presented the SCV and discussed the importance of energy saving and the use of renewable energy sources to our everyday life and to global environmental protection as well.

- Mr Martin Eibl – Project Officer (EACI) – underlined the importance of the Championship, both because it involves the youngsters by increasing their awareness in energy problem solving and because of its multinational character by the collaboration of 9 European countries.

- Mr Miran Papez - Coordinator, SCV - talked about the organization of the international meeting, underlined the importance of the team work done by his students and wished all the participants a lot of success!





SECTION II: IN THE ...and of the OF VELENJE

After the morning session at the City Hall, the official beginning of the Championship Kick Off took place at the School Center of Velenje. There, at first Mrs Francesca Pignattini – Coordinator of the project and representative of Agenzia per l'Energia e l'Ambiente della Provincia di Perugia (Italy) - made a short presentation of the EYEManager Championship Project,



and then Mrs Efi Mavrou – representing CRES (Greece) – reminded the phases of the Championship as well as its “rules” to the participants. Mr Miran Papez and Mr Martin Eilb started officially the Championship- with the help of young musicians!

The next part of the meeting was dedicated to the official presentation of the composition of the 6 International Teams, formed by students of the 9 European Countries (the composition of the teams can be found in ANNEX II, 1st sheet). Each team will have a leader, so the next step was the presentation of each Team leader (their names are provided in Annex II, 2nd sheet). And last but not least, the tutors of each school were presented, having the role of team coordinator (Annex II, 3rd

sheet).



After a lunch break, the technical part of the meeting started. Mrs Elisa Rossi -Agenzia per l' Energia e l' Ambiente della Provincia di Perugia, presented the EYEManager Software and Communication Tools (see the PowerPoint Presentation in Annex III) to the students, who then were split and worked into two different computer laboratories. In that way, they had the opportunity to test the tools in reality, according to the "Learning by Doing" principles.

The first day of the Kick- off meeting ended with success by a "Special Dinner", where each team had the opportunity to make a short presentation of its country and students from different countries had the opportunity to interact and get to know each other in a more relaxed environment.



THURSDAY 26th NOVEMBER

SECTION I: PRESENTATIONS



During the second day of the KOM, the young students were the top leaders of the meeting: each country presented the selected case study of one school and one house in which they had done the energy audit. In that way,

everyone had the opportunity to present their work, and to get an idea of the buildings that have been audited, just before the assignation of the case studies. It was a quite long hence interesting procedure that continued all morning. All presentations can be found attached in Annex IV.

SECTION II: CASE STUDY ASSIGNATION

Having heard the presentations about the energy audits carried out in a local basis, the moment all teams waited for came: the assignation 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 that way, each team will try to win the Championship and its members to become the Best European Young Energy Managers. Mr Martin Eibl, the Project Officer, with the assistance of Mrs Francesca Pignattini, run the "ballot" procedure, and at the end each team finally knew the case studies they will work on (the assignation of case studies is given in Annex V).

The real action of the championship can now begin!

Mrs Francesca Pignattini, the project coordinator, closed the Kick-Off Meeting by reminding the next steps of the Championship to the international teams, wished everyone good luck, and renewed the next meeting in February 2011 in Italy, where the Winner will be announced at the ceremony for the EYEManager Championship Award. In order to finish the meeting officially the way it begun, Mr Miran Papez wished everyone good luck, and invited the same young musicians that gave the starting note to the Championship to close the event!