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Dear colleagues and friends,

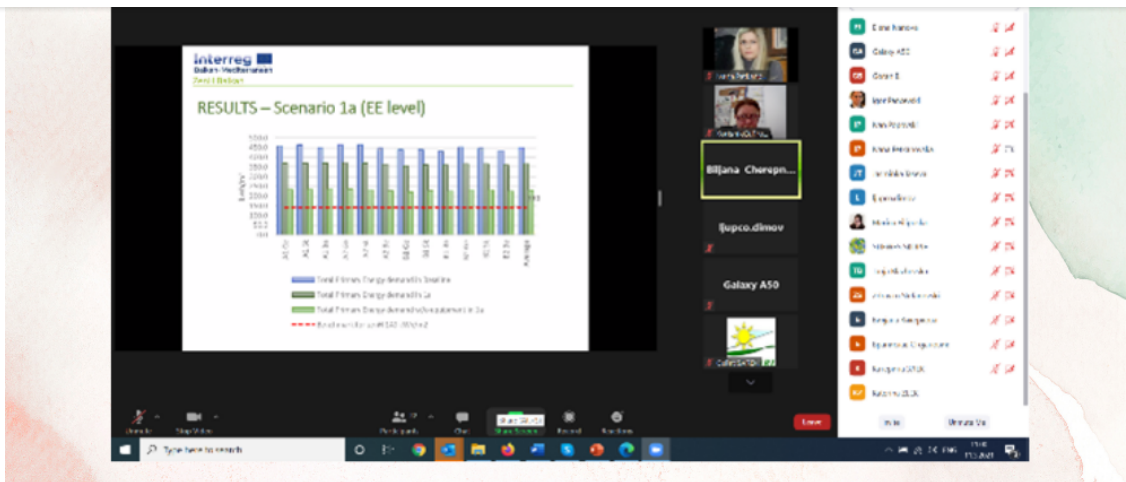
In this past period, the ongoing pandemic in the world taught us to make the most of the opportunities given to us. We had to accommodate changes to work patterns, we adapted by using all the digital resources, we learned to keep our distance from each other and yet to be able to achieve new goals within the ongoing projects, to learn and make the most out of the new working conditions. Because we're all going through this transformation together, we can't—and shouldn't—try to navigate it alone. We adopted technology as a means to innovate and thrive - we hold meetings, workshops, and events on digital platforms. We spread our voice and reach the public through social platforms.

We wish you good health with the desire to return as soon as possible to a state that will allow us communicate, share ideas, network and hold events in person again. In the meantime, follow our work on our social media profile and our website on the links provided at the end of the Newsletter.

We invite you to read the latest issue of our E-newsletter and join us at creating new, interesting and useful activities for sustainable development in an inclusive community.

CeProSARD team

An informative session organized on the possibilities of implementation of EE and RES in hospitals and setting benchmarks for meeting the near to zero energy standards for hospitals



On March 11 2021, the CeProSARD team within the project “ZenH Balkan - Towards Zero energy Hospitals in the Balkan Region” organized an online informative session on “Possibilities of implementation of EE and RES in hospitals and setting benchmarks for meeting the near to zero energy standards for hospitals” on the topics:

- Significance and benefits from the use of benchmarks in the assessment of EE and RES in hospitals in the country and in the Balkans
- Results of setting benchmarks for meeting near to zero energy standards for hospitals in RNM (disadvantages and opportunities)
- Energy modeling with implementation of EE and RES measures for achieving near to zero energy standards of hospitals
- Benefits of using a unified approach in energy modeling of hospitals for the health sector and the Ministry of Health

The session was attended by representatives from the Ministry of Health, the Energy Agency of RNM, the Ministry of Economy, Cementarnica Usje, Enviros project Czech Republic, Euroconsulting supervision, Habitat, EBRD, External experts of Sparkassenstiftung fur internationale Kooperation, MSIP, ZLEK, Project REPLACE SDEWES-Skopje, MACEF and other experts from the field.

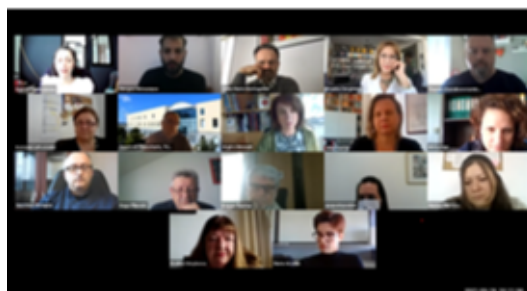
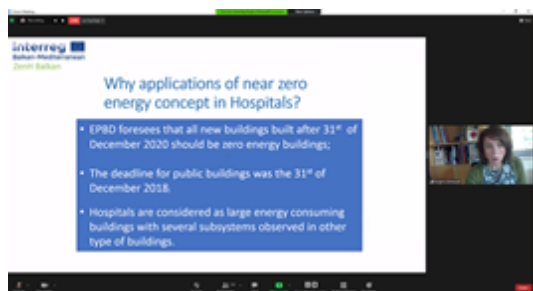
Held International conference on "Towards Zero energy Hospitals"
Project "ZenH Balkan - Towards Zero energy Hospitals in the Balkan Region"

More than 200 people from the public and private health sector, the academic and scientific community, independent researchers, engineers and students attended the International On-Line Conference entitled “Towards nearly zero energy hospitals” on Friday 19th March 2021.

The CeProSARD team within the project “ZenH Balkan - Towards Zero energy Hospitals“ invited speakers and expert organizations working in the field in the Republic of North Macedonia, to participate in the event.

During the conference, more than 15 keynote speakers, as well as experts from the partner countries - Greece, Bulgaria, the Republic of North Macedonia, Albania and Cyprus - presented and highlighted topics related to the creation of zero or nearly zero energy hospital buildings. Within the second part of the project conference executive staff members and experts of the partner organisations presented the activities performed and the outcomes of the project ZenH Balkan in the partner countries.

The conference was organised within the project ZenH Balkan «Towards zero energy hospitals in the Balkan Region», in the framework of the Transnational Cooperation Programme Interreg V-B “Balkan - Mediterranean“, co-funded by the European Union and national funds of the participating countries.



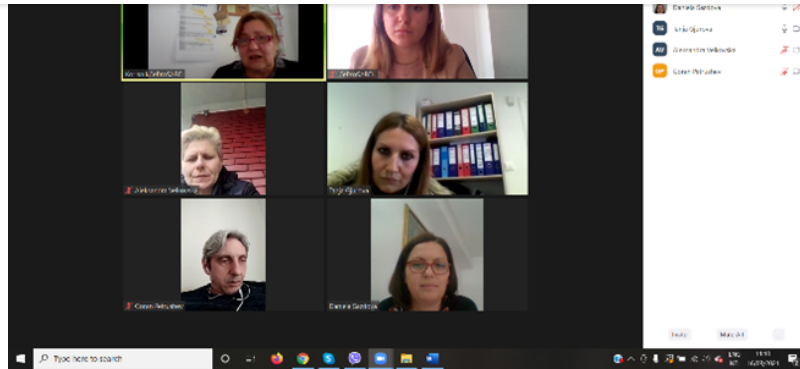
Activities related to the deinstitutionalisation process in the country - preparation of personal plans for resettlement of the persons with disabilities from Demir Kapija Special Institute and mapping of potential housing facilities for establishment of group homes for supported living in the community

Project: "Together for introduction of more opportunities and respect - TIMOR"

Within the project "Together for introduction of more opportunities and respect - TIMOR" which aims to provide deinstitutionalisation of persons with disabilities from the residential institutions into community-based supported living settings by providing innovative specialized social services, in February we started with the activities related to **preparation of personal plans for resettlement of people with disabilities** from the Special Institute Demir Kapija. Prior the beginning of the direct work in the Special Institute, the contracted organisation Macedonian Montessori Association (<http://www.montessori-macedonia.org/>) held a work visit at the premises of the Institute. On the visit, a Plan of implementation of the activity, as well as the involvement and cooperation with the employees and responsible persons of the institution were discussed. The personal plans will be prepared in accordance with the methodology developed by the projects from the grant scheme of IPA II 2017 Action Program of the EU Support for Education, Employment and Social Policy; Support for the De-institutionalization Process in Social Sector.



Within the project activities, in March was held the **first meeting of the Commission for selection for housing facilities for community based supported living**, which will be established during the DI process. At the meeting the members discussed and reviewed the mapped housing facilities and shared opinions on criteria and priorities in the process of selection of the housing facilities in accordance with the national Rulebook and legal obligations. A more proactive cooperation with the Planning Regions across the country was discussed as an important step in the process of finding organisations interested to become future licensed service providers.



In March we held the **Fourth Consortium Meeting** of the partners of the project "Together for introduction of more opportunities and respect TIMOR" .

The meeting was opened by the President of the Consortium - the director of the Special Institution Demir Kapija who spoke about the current situation related to the Covid-19 pandemic and the needs of people with disabilities in SI Demir Kapija. The project manager presented the completed activities in 2020 and the time frame for 2021 with the planned activities that follow within the project. The agenda of the meeting continued with the activities related to the donation of financial resources for hiring 3 assistants for supported living to SIDK by the project partner, Loza Foundation from Sweden. The project partners discussed how to prepare beneficiaries for resettling and the protocol for entering the SIDK, as well as the status of mapping potential housing units for the formation of small group homes for supported living, Selection Committee and criteria for their selection, agreement with owners and the situation on the field work.

Discussion and proposals for the course of implementation of future project activities and improvement of cooperation in their implementation were also discussed by the partners, as well as cooperation with relevant institutions and joint coordination meetings in the established working groups.



The project is implemented within the Action Program IPA II 2017 of the EU Support to Education, Employment and Social Policy - Support to the process of deinstitutionalization in the social sector in the country.

The project is implemented by CeProSARD in consortium with:

- Association of Special Educators and Rehabilitators of the Republic of the North Macedonia;
- Special Institution "Demir Kapija";
- Municipality of Demir Kapija and
- Loza Foundation from

[Link to project details: http://ceprosard.org.mk/EN/KN_p1.aspx](http://ceprosard.org.mk/EN/KN_p1.aspx)

