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Center for promotion of sustainable agriculture practices and rural development



INTRODUCTORY GREETING

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Respected colleagues, associates and readers,

the team of our organization during the months February, March and April adapted the work flow and continued with implementation of the current projects, both locally and on national level. Using online communication tools we faced the challenge of working in a pandemic situation and focused our priorities on realization of all activities that can be done remotely.

In this new issue of our E-Newsletter we would like to point out the conducted workshops in three high schools in the Skopje planning region; the Final Event we organized in the beginning of May; the collaboration with organizations to assist needs of the persons with disabilities in institutions in our country during the situation with the Covid-19 and the networking with NGOs in the field of energy sector .

We invite you to read the latest issue of our E-Newsletter and to join us in the creation of our future activities related to sustainable development.



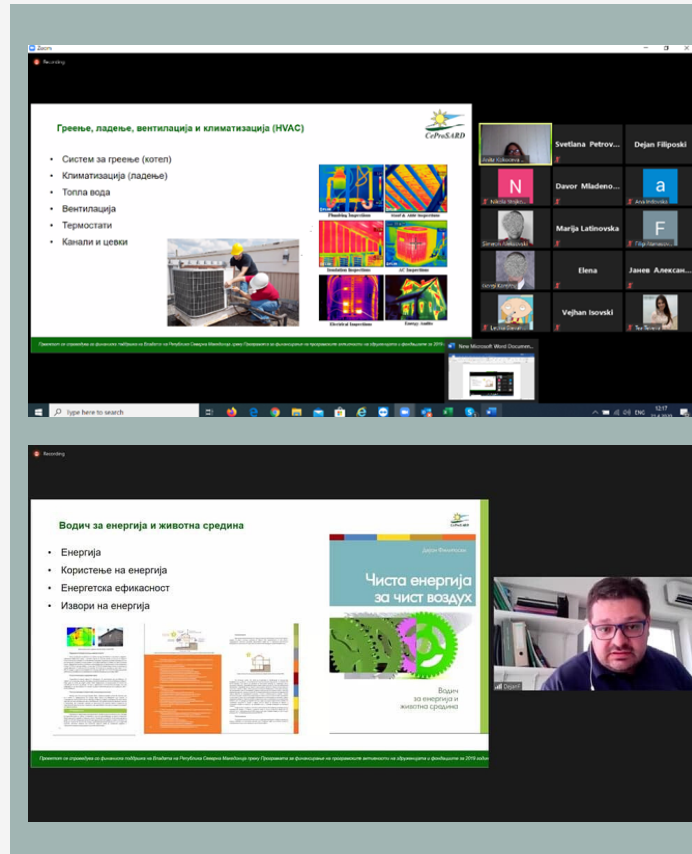
Project „Clean energy for clean air”

Held workshops on the topic "Reducing air pollution by reducing energy consumption in the households" in three high schools in Skopje

Following the decision and conclusions of the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia on the restrictive measures to prevent the spread of the coronavirus COVID-19, in April we organized online workshops using online communication tools - ZOOM.

The online workshops were organized on the topic "Reducing air pollution by reducing energy consumption in the households". On the workshops attended the professors and students from second and fourth year in SETUGS "Mihajlo Pupin", SGGU of the City of Skopje "Zdravko Cvetkovski" and SUGS Shaip Jusuf - Skopje.

By reducing the energy for heating in the homes, we are reducing air pollution - the students were instructed in the training. To improve energy efficiency in the households, students were presented with a variety of heating, cooling, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, and the importance of insulating the hot water distribution network in homes was explained. Opportunities to improve energy efficiency were presented through the introduction of measurement, regulation and automation systems and with practical examples of the use of energy efficient lamps in function of electric lighting. To determine the thermal bridges in buildings, the use of a thermal camera was practically demonstrated.



Held an Online Final Event via the platform ZOOM

At the event, as the final activity of the project "Clean Energy for Clean Air" the project coordinator promoted the project results in the field of reducing air pollution in the Skopje planning region, as well as the activities of key actors in the project.

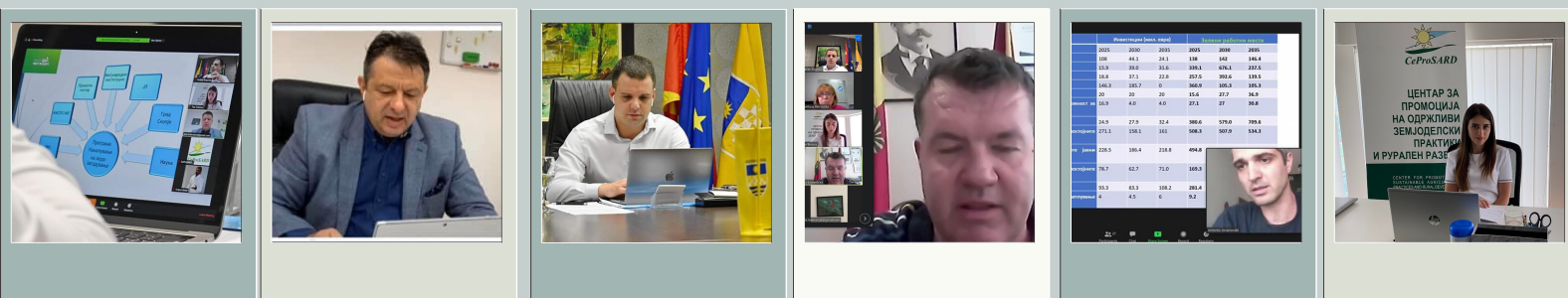
In the introductory part of the event, Mr. Jani Makraduli, Deputy Minister of Environment and Physical Planning, the Mayor of the Municipality of Karpos - Mr. Stefan Bogoev, the Mayor of the Municipality of Butel - Mr. Velimir Smilevski, as well as a representative from the Municipality of Suto Orizari, talked about their conducted activities in this field and the inclusion within the project activities.

The principals of the high schools SGGUGS "Zdravko Cvetkovski", SETU "Mihajlo Pupin" and SUGS "Shaip Yusuf" gave their review of the activities of the schools in this topic and the involvement of their students in the project activities. Mr. Antonio Jovanovski from the association for sustainable development and environmental protection "Go Green - Bidi Zelen" and Mrs. Natasha Dokovska from NGO "Journalists for Human Rights" addressed very important topics regarding the importance for green economy and the correlation with the air pollution in the country and wider.

In the closing part of the event, the students from the three high schools had their presentations, and Mr. Dejan Filiposki presented a publication done within the project - a Guide for Energy and Environment, as well as the online workshops held in the high schools.

The publication - Guide for Energy and Environment is available in Macedonian and Albanian on the following links:

MK: <https://bit.ly/3csFp1x> AL: <https://bit.ly/35U5gwl>

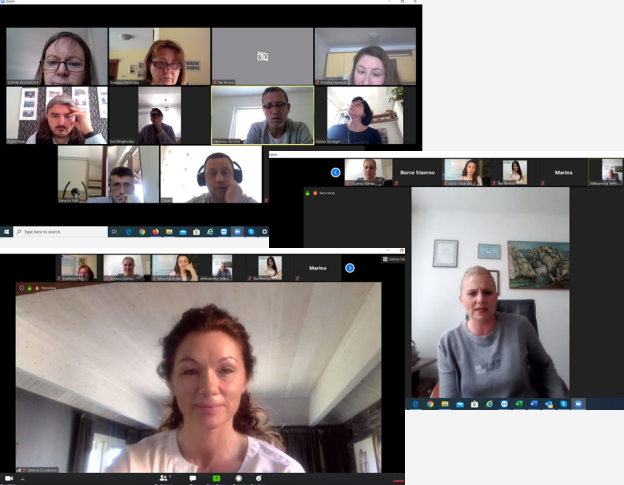


- Start date - October 18, 2019
- Donor: Government of the Republic of North Macedonia through the Program for financing the program activities of associations and foundations for 2019
- Implementator - CeProSARD



Collaboration with social CSOs to help people with disabilities during the crisis with the COVID-19 pandemic - activity within the project

"Together for introduction of more opportunities and support - TIMOR"



On April 9, 2020, part of the project team participated on an online meeting organized by Beaumont Sophie (EEAS-SKOPJE), the program manager of the project "Together for introduction more opportunities and support - TIMOR". On the meeting participated representatives from the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy MLSP and NGOs organizations working in the social sector. The purpose of this meeting was to determine the possibilities for support of persons with disabilities located in the institutions in the Republic of North Macedonia. The meeting defined the channels, needs and opportunities to support people with disabilities, as well as the employees in the institutions where they are accommodated during the pandemic situation with the COVID-19.

Later in April, the project implementation unit discussed this topic at the Second Consortium Meeting. At this meeting held via ZOOM with the co-applicants: the Association of Special Educators and Rehabilitators of the Republic of North Macedonia, the Municipality of Demir Kapija, the Special Institute Demir Kapija PI and the Loza Foundation from Sweden, the team discussed the implementation of project activities following the adapted time-frame respecting the restrictive governmental measures. The opportunity to help people with disabilities located in institutions was paid a special attention. Mrs Aleksandra Velkova, director of the SI Demir Kapija PI explained in detail their needs and way of functioning in the current months.

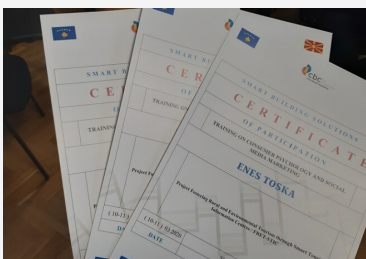
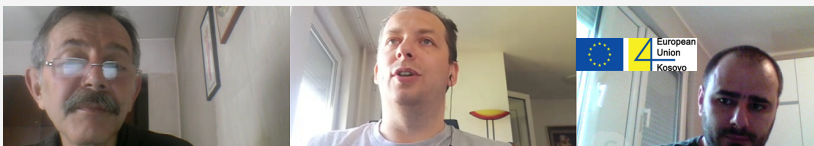
- Start date - January 02, 2020
- Duration of the project - 36 months (January 2020 – January 2023)
- Donor: European Union (EY IPA II 2017, Action Programme of the EU Support for Education, Employment and Social Policy)
- Implementators - CeProSARD in consortium with: SI Demir Kapija PI; Municipality of Demir Kapija; Foundation Loza – Sweden and Association of special educators and rehabilitators of the Republic of North Macedonia (ASERRNM)

Project: "Fostering Rural and Environmental Tourism through Smart Tourist Information Centres - FRET-STIC"

On March 10th and 11th 2020, a "Training for Consumer Psychology and Social Media Marketing" was organized as part of the project. The main goal of the training on Consumer Psychology and Social Media Marketing was for the participants from Tetovo and Prizren to gain basic knowledge about consumer psychology and social media marketing that will help them in their daily activities in order to understand what to do, focus on managing their work, especially in the process of communication with different shareholders and tourists.

In accordance with the activities of the project, on 16.03.2020, the Tourist Info Center was set up at a location in Tetovo, by the supplier "Company for production, construction, trade and services Aluminka" DOO export-import Skopje.

On 23.04.2020, in accordance with the decision and conclusions of the Government on measures to prevent the introduction and spread of corona virus COVID-19, the Coordinator for Monitoring and Training of Building Cross-Border Institutions Plus (CBIB + III), the representative of The Joint Technical Secretariat and the representative of CeProSARD held a working meeting on the project through Skype online platform. During the meeting, the values of the objectives and indicators of the project for the last quarterly report for 2019 were discussed and modified.



- Start date - May 15, 2018
- Project duration - May 15, 2018 – May 14, 2020
- Donor: European Union IPA CBC Programme Kosovo – North Macedonia
- Implementator - CeProSARD as a lead applicant, with the co-applicants: Municipality of Tetovo and Regional Development Agency South, Kosovo



Project: "Stronger civic support for effective application of the energy policies in the EU accession process"

Macedonian CSOs working in the energy sector, together with relevant institutions responsible for policy implementation in the field, were invited to answer a Questionnaire prepared to assess their capacity building capacity through a training. Based on the received feedback from the completed questionnaires, a Report on the assessment of the capacities and training needs of civil society organizations (CSOs) that work in the field of environment and participate in the project was prepared. According to this Report, the relevant CSOs were selected and invited to participate in:

- training related to the new policies of the European Union for Energy and Climate and the latest policies and measures for energy efficiency in the Republic of North Macedonia.
- preparation of a Joint Initiative for Cooperation of Civil Society Organizations with the institutions responsible for policy related to the reforms in the energy sector at national and local level;
- participation in an Event - Round Table with institutions responsible for energy sector reform, at which the Joint Initiative for Cooperation will be considered.

The project will result in strengthened capacities of the Macedonian CSOs for monitoring, lobbying and participation in the processes related to the implementation of key reforms in the energy sector, prepared recommendations for implementation of energy policy with a focus on EE and OIE and enhanced awareness and cooperation between key stakeholders.

- Start date - December 22, 2019
- Duration - 9 months (December 2019 – September 2020)
- The project is supported by the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), through the "Nordic Support for Progress of North Macedonia" Project, implemented by the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS).

Activities within the project "Towards Zero Energy Hospitals in the Balkan Region - ZenH"



- Start date - December 01, 2017
- Project duration - December 1, 2017 - November 30, 2019 (9 months extension)
- Donor: INTERREG Balkan-Mediterranean 2014-2020 European Regional Development Fund
- Implementators: CeProSARD; Democritus University of Thraee, Department of Environmental Engineering, Xanthi, Greece; ALBAFOREST, Albania; Sofia Energy Centre Ltd, Bulgaria; The Cyprus Institute, Cyprus

The project team of the project Towards Zero Energy Hospitals in the Balkan Region - ZenH, after the field visits with the team of experts in the winter to the selected facilities - Special Gynecological-Obstetrics Hospital, Skopje and Ohrid - General Hospital - continued to work on the digital database platform and preparation of a Report on the conducted activities, as well as actively held meetings with the other partners of the project team.

Improving the knowledge and skills of the CeProSARD team

On March 24 2020, part of the CeProSARD participated in an online training on the topic for the Open Session for EU Grants concurrences, organized by ProEfekt, Skopje.

During the training, the participants were informed about the project preparation procedure, project methodologies and different support programs.



Collaboration with the business sector

In the past period, our organization for the needs of "Digital Center" LLC has developed an Energy control and Feasibility study for improvement of the energy performance and the environmental impact.

The main activity of the company consists of graphic design and printing in large formats - 2D and 3D luminous and non-luminous ads, Plexiglas products, aluminum, Alco bond, Styrofoam as well as large formats of PVC prints. Additionally, after printing, the company offers both product finalization and installation. This consulting service for the needs of "Digital Center" LLC is funded by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development - Small Business Advice in the Republic of North Macedonia.

