


Local Energy Forum and Sustainable Energy Action Plan - Bistrita, Romania	
<b>Keywords</b>	<b>Participative Approach, Improving Municipal Energy Performance, Reducing GHG Emissions, Local Action Plan and Energy Forum, Stakeholder Involvement</b>
<b>Pictures</b>	
<b>Objectives</b>	To open up a debate between the local authority and its citizens in terms of creating the proper conditions for a free energy market, enhancing energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy sources as well as reducing the negative impact of the energy sector upon the environment etc.
<b>Description</b>	<p>The objectives set out by the Bristrita Local Energy Forum were above all:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Saving money in all energy sectors (40% in municipal buildings thanks to an efficient use of conventional energy);</li> <li>- Improvement of comfort / security / quality of life;</li> <li>- Improvement of quality of services;</li> <li>- Modernisation of the society;</li> <li>- Local development, new jobs, new activities;</li> <li>- Combating fuel poverty;</li> <li>- Protection of the local environment (local pollution);</li> <li>- Protection of the global environment (reduction of the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions) and</li> <li>- Energy related issues (conventional and alternative resources).</li> </ul> <p>Within the City's Sustainable Energy Action Plan (SEAP) an important point is the reduction of the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 1.5% per year as a result of increased energy efficiency of the installations providing heat for the buildings and hot domestic water and the reduction by 0.5% per year of the conventional energy consumption in school buildings.</p> <p>Already enacted measures are the rehabilitation and insulation of several municipal buildings as well as the installation of heating systems and insulation measures in most schools. The rehabilitation of multi-residential buildings is currently in course and energy audits have already been completed in all these buildings. As a next step, expertise and refurbishment will follow.</p> <p>Additionally, several actions are scheduled on an annual basis: e.g. open days for energy efficiency in schools (including the "Green Flag" Contest, organised every year by the City Hall for the pupils of secondary schools and high schools), the preparation of a city model for energy related rehabilitation for school buildings, the school's monitoring programme "Green Day" in schools, the Centre for Information and Education for Ecology teaching kindergarten and primary school pupils, the participation in the European Mobility Week etc.</p>
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