



“Sustainable Energy Communities – From strategy and vision to practical implementation and monitoring”

EUSEW event, 25th March 2010 from 9:00 till 13:00
Borschette building, room 1B
Rue Froissart 36, Brussels, 1040 Belgium

FINAL PROGRAMME

Objective: This is a joint event of two EU-co-financed projects, PATH-to-RES and SEC-BENCH. The projects concern local and regional energy planning, and benchmarking of municipal buildings respectively. The two projects in combination are very well placed to highlight the importance of merging strategy with implementation. Our operational thinking is fact-based with a bottom-up approach in developing Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAPs). Implementation starts with the obvious first step, namely the monitoring and benchmarking of municipal buildings.

Workshop approach: The workshop will have two main sessions with presentations of the projects and their results in general, some experiences from the participating municipalities and of course discussions. A questionnaire based on the structure of presentations made will be handed out at the beginning of the event and participants will be asked to fill it in during the workshop. The questionnaire will be the basis for discussion at the end of each session, and will also be used as direct input to the completion of the projects.

Target groups: National/Regional Governments, Local politicians, Local energy planners and administrators, Energy Agencies, Consultants



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09:00 Welcome (Hans Jacob Mydske, NEPAS)

- The agenda, the presentations and the questionnaire

09:05 Introduction to the Workshop (Martin Eibl, EACI)

- Involving municipalities and cities in achieving Europe's climate targets (Covenant of Mayors and other relevant initiatives)
- Introduction to the projects PATH-2-RES and SEC-BENCH

09:15 SESSION I - Medium and long-term strategy development

(Chairman: Filip Johnsson, Chalmers)

The PATH-2-RES project

- The local vision as a basic requirement for change, and the need for a driving force for the local energy and climate planning process
- The 7 step approach to strategic energy planning (Håkan Sköldberg, PROFU)
- Practical cases (2 of the Pilot studies; Arnhem and Göteborg)

Main discussion points (in line with the questionnaire handed out at the beginning of the event)

- Do municipalities have the means, the know-how and the internal driving force to establish their SEAPs?
- How can national governments best support local energy planning?
- The difficulty of putting plans into action

10:45 Coffee break

11:15 SESSION II – Practical implementation and monitoring of progress

(Chairman: Hans Jacob Mydske, NEPAS)

- Improving the energy performance of municipal buildings and installations, the natural starting point for continuous improvement, cost and energy efficiency (Hans Jacob Mydske, NEPAS)
- Bottom-up benchmarking, direct benefits for the municipality as a building owner (Stefano Faberi, ISIS)
- Data collection challenges and obvious synergies with energy monitoring systems (Arild Olsbu, Nettkonsult)
- Practical cases (2 of the Pilot Communities; Varna and Fredericia)

Main discussion points (in line with the questionnaire handed out at the beginning of the event)

- Is there a need for a European, bottom-up benchmarking tool for municipal buildings?
- Possible approaches to solve the challenge of data collection
- Do municipalities have the means and know-how to follow-up the energy performance of their own buildings?

13:00 End of programme