

Press Release

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE "ORAȘE ENERGIE ÎN ROMÂNIA",

THE ROLE OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES REGARDING THE NATIONAL TARGETS FOR ENERGY AND CLIMATE 2020 AND 2030

The Association „Orașe Energie în România” (www.oer.ro) celebrated 23 years of activity during the Annual OER Conference in 19-20 April 2018 at the “Grand Hotel Balványos”, Covasna county. At this event there were invited its 37 members (local authorities and metropolitan areas), local and regional agencies for energy management, and also experts in the following domains: energy regulatory issues, community services for public utilities, electric energy distribution, energy efficient rehabilitation of buildings, public lighting, electromobility, reduction of transport emissions methods, urban comfort, circular economy and waste management education, as well as the presentation of the awareness raising campaign regarding the efficient use of energy by the end user, campaign run in Romania in 2018 by the DG Justice & Consumers.

With this occasion, the General Assembly of OER members also took place, where it was presented and analysed the association activity in 2017, activities plan and vision for the year 2018.

The main subject of the conference was “THE ROLE OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES REGARDING THE NATIONAL TARGETS FOR ENERGY AND CLIMATE 2020 AND 2030”, an open dialog between the local authorities and the national regulatory authorities in order to identify the barriers and necessary support tools in the transition towards a low-carb economy.

This dialog platform, The Club of Mayors, was created in 2012 through the European project “NET- CoM – Networking the Covenant of Mayors” through which there were created 12 Clubs of Mayors in the European Union, the Romanian Club being one of these.

It was presented the activity of the Romanian Club of Mayors and its contribution in promoting the Covenant of Mayors and the Sustainable Energy Action Plan / SEAPs as urban planning, monitoring, reporting instrument in accessing the structural funds dedicated to the sectors comprised in SEAP. Also, the Club has promoted energy efficiency, urban mobility and the use of renewable energy sources in the local public authorities’ sphere of activity.

The new challenges of the European Union member states after the Paris Agreement and Decision (EU) 2016/1841 of the European Council from 5 October 2016, which establish new targets of CO2 emissions reduction until 2030, will be reflected accordingly at local level, with new technological challenges, new approaches in transport & mobility, new jobs in the clean energies domains, new challenges in nearly zero buildings and, last but not least, new legislative regulations.

The discussion with the regulatory authorities, electric energy distributor and the present local public authorities were conducted such as to lead towards an unique energy planning model for local communities with the logistic support of the regulatory authorities, such that the document’s contents should correspond to the Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy and to the specific requirements required by the National Regulatory Authority for Energy in accordance with Law 121/2014 regarding energy efficiency.

The scope and objective of the Club of Mayors for Energy & Climate were established and completed with the update of key actors, completing the new targets for 2030, and considering the climate change adaptation section.

The conference participants, national and local authorities agreed the following steps in order to create a real dialogue through the Platform Dialogue of the Club of Mayors for Energy & Climate and to go through the

administrative measures until the next meeting of the Club, set for October 2018 by the Technical Office of the OER Association.

THE SECOND PART OF THE CONFERENCE WAS FOCUSED ON THE URBAN ENERGY PLANNING SUBJECTS OF INTEREST:

- **AWARENESS RAISING CAMPAIGN ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY**
Lara BLAKE, DG Justice&Consumers
- **URBAN COMFORT – ECOTEN**
Clément IMBERT, Project manager, Departament Urban Comfort, ECOTEN
Thermal Maps
Urban comfort simulation
The solar panel production map
- **TECHNOLOGY FOR TRANSPORT EMISSIONS REDUCTION – ANTISMOG**
Maud PERCHENET, Business Partner New Eco Technologies
Technologies to reduce consumption and emission in transport – CGON
Emissions measurement system in real time - Pollutrack
The biggest Start-Up centre in Europe – Station F
- **ROMANIAN ASSOCIATION FOR LIGHTING**
Dan VĂȚĂJELU, President of Romanian Association for Lighting
Guide for public acquisition for public lighting
Telemanagement in public lighting
- **ELECTROMOBILITY STRATEGIES – THE CONCEPT "Drive Now Carsharing"**
Alexandru SEREMET, PR manager BMW România
- **TOOLS TO FACILITATE THE DECISIONS TO FINANCE THE ENERGY RENOVATION OF BUILDINGS**
Horia PETRAN, INCD URBAN-INCERC, Centre of Energy Performance of Buildings
- **CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND EDUCATION IN WASTE MANAGEMENT**
Elena GAȘPAR, ENVIRON Association
- **HORIZON 2020 PUBLEnEf project**
Ion DOGEANU, AEEPM Executive Director

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About OER. „Orașe Energie România” Association was established in 1995, as a non-governmental, non-profit organization, of Romanian municipalities and cities interested in energy planning. Since then, the Association has committed to share experience and know-how among its members, as well as promoting local energy efficiency policies, technologies, equipments and renewable energy sources among the members. **OER** – www.oer.ro - brings together 37 members, active in the field of energy efficiency, renewable energy sources and sustainable urban mobility. Starting with 2009, **the OER network is a Support Structure** for Romanian municipalities, signatories of the Covenant of Mayors.