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Project title Promoting Energy Efficiency in Public Buildings of the Balkan Mediterranean Territory

Project acronym PRO-ENERGY

SECTION 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

Priority Axis	2. Environment
Thematic Objective	6 Preserving and protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency
Investment Priority	6f Promoting innovative technologies to improve environmental protection and resource efficiency in the waste sector, water sector and with regard to soil, or to reduce air pollution
Specific Objective	2.2. Sustainable territories
Project Title	Promoting Energy Efficiency in Public Buildings of the Balkan Mediterranean Territory
Project Acronym	PRO-ENERGY
Subsidy Contract Number	BMP1/2.2/2052/2019
Lead Beneficiary	REGION OF EPIRUS - REGIONAL UNIT OF THESPROTIA
Country of Lead Beneficiary	Greece

Beneficiary No	Partner Institution (Full Name)	Country	Total Approved Budget (According to AF)
LB (PB1)	Region of Epirus - Regional Unit of Thesprotia	Greece	306,000.00 €
PB2	Development Agency of Evia SA	Greece	195,500.00 €
PB3	Cyprus Energy Agency	Cyprus	102,000.00 €
PB4	Department of Electrical and Mechanical Services – Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works	Cyprus	102,000.00 €
PB5	Regional Development Agency with Business Support Centre for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises	Bulgaria	187,000.00 €
PB6	Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy	Albania	160,000.00 €
PB7			
PB8			
PB9			
PB10			
Total ERDF			892,500.00 €
Total IPA			160,000.00 €
Total			1,052,500.00 €

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Reporting Period	Start	End
	7/1/2020	12/31/2020

Project Duration	Start	End	Duration
	9/2/2019	9/1/2021	24.0

SECTION 3 - INDICATORS

Priority Axis	2. Environment
Thematic Objective	6 Preserving and protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency
Investment Priority	6f Promoting innovative technologies to improve environmental protection and resource
Specific Objective	2.2. Sustainable territories

3.1

Output Indicators				
Indicators' Title	Unit of Measurement	Target (According to Application Form)	Achieved Value (current reporting period)	Total Achieved Cumulative Value
Number of strategies/policies/plans/models and tools jointly developed and tested	Number	5.00	0.00	0.00
Number of environmental friendly technologies' implementation related to the water/waste efficient management	Number	0.00	0.00	0.00
Number of environmental friendly technologies' implementation related to climate change prevention and adaptation measures	Number	3.00	0.00	0.00

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Result Indicators				
Title Indicators	Unit of Measurement	Target Value (According to Application Form)	Achieved Value (current reporting period)	Total Achieved Cumulative Value
Level of adaptation to resources efficiency and climate change resilience measures in alignment with EU policy	% of surface area of all participating countries	3.00	0.00	0.00

SECTION 2 - PROGRESS ACTIVITY REPORT

2.1 Summary of the project's achievements so far

Please describe the main achievements from the start of the project until today with reference to the relative work packages, actions, outputs and results. This section should include the experience gained and the added-value of cooperation.

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The approval of TREK as external organization to manage the project implementation helped us to start more intensive to implement tasks even in the COVID19 pandemic lockdowns and the second partnership online meeting.

Plovdiv Regional Development Agency with business Support Centre for SMEs is involved in implementation of the project through the appointed the RDA working team under the project in accordance with our labour legislation.

The work was affected by the COVID 19 pandemic and the lockdowns in all partner countries.

Under WP1: "Project Management & Coordination" Activities

1. Administrative procedures, reporting and management activities
2. Planning of partners for tender procedures

Under WP2: "Project Communication & Dissemination" Activities

1. Communication with the partners concerning Communication and Dissemination plan
2. Communication with the partners concerning project logo, website design, publicity, etc. Planning and foreseen activities, roles of partners

Under WP3: "Joint Regional Analysis, Strategy and Framework" Activities

1. Initial work on Deliverable 3.5.4. Joint criteria for selecting pilot public buildings – We chose the building of the University of Agribusiness and rural development - Draft version

2. Initial work on Deliverable 3.5.3. Joint strategy and action plan Draft version

Under WP4: "Capacity Building for Energy Managers" Activities

1. Initial work on identification of trainees

2.2 Summary of the project's achievements during this reporting period

Please describe the main achievements during this period.

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Project achievements: Administrative procedures under the Transnational Cooperation Program "Balkans - Mediterranean 2014-2020".

Communication and dissemination activities:

Publications in Bulgarian and English on RDA website www.rda-bg.org and RDA Facebook page.

Communication with relevant stakeholders, Sustainable Energy Development Agency, Regional Administrations, Municipalities of Plovdiv Region and South Central Planning region.

RDA team members participated in a training under the project "Organizing and conducting trainings for energy managers on energy efficiency management and BDS EN ISO 50001 in industrial enterprises, incl. SMEs, under the project "Increasing the capacity of SEDA for planning policies and measures for energy efficiency. Raising the awareness of Bulgarian enterprises about the potential for energy savings".

Second partnership online meeting under the PRO-ENERGY project -the partners discussed the implementation of the project and outlined measures for its successful implementation on all WPs:

RDA team members participated in the public consultation on the National Recovery and Resilience Plan under the instrument Recovery and Resilience Facility, organized by the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works, a leading authority for the instrument for energy efficiency of buildings and outdoor artificial lighting systems.

RDA PRO-ENERGY 1ST NEWSLETTER disseminated

First draft of the Joint criteria for selecting pilot public buildings

2.3 Analytical description of the implemented actions, outputs and results during this reporting period with reference per work package and Beneficiarys ' involvement.

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The team of RDA with BSC for SMEs continued to get more deeply acquainted with documents and reports:

- Energy from Renewable Sources Act
- Energy Strategy of the Republic of Bulgaria till 2020 for reliable, efficient and cleaner energy,
- National Energy Efficiency Action Plan 2014–2020,
- Local Action Plan on Fuel Poverty of Plovdiv Area,
- Key issues on data sharing for sustainable energy in Bulgaria Current local needs and situation,
- ANALYSIS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF MUNICIPAL short and long programs promoting the use of energy from renewable sources and biofuels in 2019 BY REGIONS FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING IN BULGARIA
- ANALYSIS of the implementation of the municipal and regional energy efficiency programs in 2019 by regions for economic planning in Bulgaria of the Bulgarian Sustainable Energy Development Agency • Regulations for the structure and activity of the Regional Council for sustainable energy development of Plovdiv region.

- NATIONAL LONG-TERM PROGRAMME for the promotion of investments in measures aimed at improving the energy performance of the national stock of public and private residential and commercial buildings 2016–2020

This analysis is based on the information declared by the municipal and regional administrations in the country on the implementation of the energy efficiency plans and on the energy efficiency management under Art. 12 and Art. 63 of Energy Efficiency Act for 2018 and 2019, received by the Sustainable Energy Development Agency by March of the next year.

Plovdiv Region/District is located in the central part of Southern Bulgaria on an area of 5972.9 km² and has a population of 675,586 people (according to NSI data for 2014). We chose the building of the University of Agribusiness and rural development as a public building based on the the deliverable 3.5.2. "Good Practices' identification

There are 18 municipalities on the territory of Plovdiv district - Asenovgrad municipality, Brezovo municipality, Kaloyanovo municipality, Karlovo municipality, Krichim municipality, Kuklen municipality, Lucky municipality, Perushtitsa municipality, Parvomay municipality, Rakovski municipality, Sadovo municipality, Sopot municipality, Stamboliyski municipality, Saedinenie, Hissarya municipality, Maritsa municipality, Rodopi municipality and Plovdiv municipality
South Central Planning Region 5 districts - Plovdiv, Pazardzhik, Haskovo, Kardzhali and Smolyan with a total of 58 municipalities.

Reports on the implementation of MPPUERSBF for 2018 were submitted by 55 municipalities and 5 district administrations. No reports were submitted by 3 municipalities - Parvomay, Haskovo and Strelcha

The project results will be transferred during meetings with stakeholders and at Council of regional developments at NUTS 2 AND NUTS 3 level hoping the COVID19 pandemic will not be a barrier.

RDA team members participated in a training under the project "Organizing and conducting trainings for energy managers on energy efficiency management and BDS EN ISO 50001 in industrial enterprises, incl. SMEs, under the project "Increasing the capacity of SEDA for planning policies and measures for energy efficiency. Raising the awareness of Bulgarian enterprises about the potential for energy savings ". 12 modules were considered, including European and National legal frameworks in the field of energy efficiency and RES; Energy saving measures; Energy metering and data collection; Energy audit and analysis of energy consumption; Improving energy efficiency in the production system. Application of renewable energy sources; Development and implementation of an energy management system; Feasibility study of energy efficiency measures.

2.4 Next steps to be taken for project's implementation

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The next steps to be taken for project's implementation is complete all tasks of WP3 as follows:

Contribution of RDA to the Joint Strategy and Action Plan for increasing energy efficiency through behavioural change

Contribution of RDA to the definition of the joint criteria for selecting pilot public buildings

Planning, coordination and implementation of the energy audits in the pilot public building of RDA selected, including the installation of smart meters

Tasks from WP2

Development of the partner's contribution to the web site and social media pages and their enrichment with content including translations of content

Design, and production of printed material (production of 500 BG project brochures, translations of all brochures, production of 500 BG-EN bilingual joint strategy brochures and 500 BG-EN bilingual joint platform brochures, banners)

Participation in partnership events

WP4 tasks include:

Identification of trainees that will participate in the training sessions (seminars, webinars etc.) and

Development of the training curricula and material on energy related topics (contribution)

Training seminars

Training evaluation

2.5 Problems encountered and proposed solutions

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During this period we continue to suffer limitations due to COVID 19 epidemic - Lockdowns in partners'countries including Bulgaeria. We also suffered of the late tender procedure for approving TREK as external organization to manage the project implementation.

2.6 Changes in the Implementation

Please state if you consider making any modifications of the approved Application Form. The project implementation must strictly follow the implementation plan of the approved Application Form. Under no circumstances changes should be made without the knowledge and approval of the Managing Authority while important changes may require the submission of a revised application form. Furthermore, important changes/modifications of the project may require the approval of the programme Monitoring Committee. Please follow the instructions provided in the Project Manual as in force.

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SECTION 5 - PUBLICITY

Please state the measures of publicity and / or measures of diffusion of information that have been carried out according to the approved Application Form, as well as any additional ones. Have EC requirements on information and publicity measures acknowledging EC Structural Fund assistance been complied with?

If yes, give details and send proofs of publicity along with the Progress Report (e.g. entries in the media, articles, albums, etc.). If no, please provide an explanation.

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