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	Promoting Energy Efficiency in Public Buildings of the Balkan Mediterranean Territory
	PRO-ENERGY

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Priority Axis	2. Environment
Thematic Objective	6 Preserving and protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency
Specific Objective	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
Field of Intervention	2.2. Sustainable territories
Intervention Area	Promoting Energy Efficiency in Public Buildings of the Balkan Mediterranean Territory
Intervention Measure	PRO-ENERGY
Call for Proposals	BMP1/2.2/2052/2019
Region	REGION OF EPIRUS - REGIONAL UNIT OF THESPROTIA
Country of Lead Beneficiary	Greece

Beneficiary No	Partner Institution (Full Name)	Country	Total Approved Budget (According to FP)
LB / DBA	Region of Epirus - Regional Unit of Thesprotia	Greece	306,000.00 €
SBB	Development Agency of Evia SA	Greece	195,500.00 €
	Cyprus Energy Agency	Cyprus	102,000.00 €
	Department of Electrical and Mechanical Services - Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works	Cyprus	102,000.00 €
	Regional Development Agency with Business Support Centre for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises	Bulgaria	187,000.00 €
	National Agency of Natural Resources	Albania	160,000.00 €
			892,500.00 €
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			1,052,500.00 €

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Start Date	1/1/2022	End Date	6/30/2022
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Project Start Date	9/2/2019	Project End Date	31/12/2022	Region	BULGARIA	KS	38.0
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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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RDA with BSC for SMEs was involved in implementation of the project.
Project achievements: Administrative procedures under the Transnational Cooperation Programme "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 contribution to project website / social media;
Printed and electronic materials for dissemination in English and Bulgarian: printed 500 bilingual project brochures for ICT platform, folders, pens with project logo, etc.
Development of joint strategy and action plan Deliverable 3.5.3;
Joint criteria for selection of pilot public buildings Deliverable 3.5.4;
Energy audit of the selected public building- University of Agribusiness and Rural Development- D3.5.5;
Installation of Smart meters; Development of ICT platform, Deliverable D5.5.1
Development of joint cost-benefit analysis modeler, Deliverable D5.5.2
Identification of trainees - assessment of their training needs 4.5.1. A report was submitted in Bulgarian and English; Development of training curricular and materials D4.5.2;
We organized 3 trainings sessions for energy managers, and its evaluation.
We communicated with PRO-ENERGY project partners about the change of the project partner from Albania. We discussed the project duration and decided project

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

Please describe the main achievements during this period.
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RDA with BSC for SMEs was involved in implementation of the project.
We discussed the change of the project partner from Albania. We discussed the project duration and decided project prolongations.
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 contribution to project website / social media; 3rd project newsletter - contribution and translation.
Printed and electronic material: printed project brochures 500 pieces in Bulgarian and English about Joint ICT platform, folders, pens with project logo, etc.
Development of ICT platform, Deliverable D5.5.1
Development of joint cost-benefit analysis modeler, Deliverable D5.5.2
We organized 2 more trainings sessions for energy managers, and its evaluation
We worked on the D2.5.5 PRO-ENERGY Roadmap for replicability of Project Results, contacted almost 80 public organizations for the replication of the project results; the deliverable will be ready in the next report.
We worked on D5.3 Joint preparation of Energy Performance Contracts but the deliverable will be ready in the next report.
We continued our work on Energy audit of the selected public building- University of Agribusiness and Rural Development- D3.5.5 - Purchased and installed Smart meters.
We purchased the envisaged equipment in D5.5.1 and D4.5.

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

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The team of RDA with BSC for SMEs continued to get more deeply acquainted with documents and reports, including behavior change.

- 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
- 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.
- Bulgarian National Recovery and Resilience Plan

- National programme for Energy Efficiency of multi-family residential buildings
- The role of energy efficiency plans and their contribution to climate change mitigation policies
- ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLAN OF THE MUNICIPALITYVARNA 2021-2030
- 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 and D3.5.5. Installation of smart meters

We contacted and work with all 18 municipalities on the territory of Plovdiv district - Asenovgrad municipality, Brezovo municipality, Kaloyanovo municipality, Karlovo municipality, Krichim municipality, Kuklen municipality, Lucky municipality, Perushitsa municipality, Parvomay municipality, Rakovski municipality, Sadovo municipality, Sopot municipality, Stambolyski municipality, Saedinenie, Hissarya municipality, Maritsa municipality, Rodopi municipality and Plovdiv municipality, as well as all regional administrations of South Central Planning Region - Plovdiv, Pazardzhik, Haskovo, Kardzhali and Smolyan with a total of 58 municipalities

We got acquainted with Analysis of the implementation of the municipal short term and long term programmes to promote the use of energy for renewable sources and biofuels in 2020 by regions for economic planning in Bulgaria and work closely Plovdiv Sustainable Energy Development Agency.

We are worked on the organization and holding of training sessions using the training curricula and training materials. The second training was on 10 -11 May 2022 with 28 participants and the third one on 14 May in Municipality of Sadovo, Plovdiv district with 60 participants-representatives of Bulgarian and Dutch universities, municipalities and others. One more information and training event in Plovdiv with 29 participants during the summer school of INVEST project on 1st of June 2022.

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2.4 Next steps to be taken for project's implementation

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We started more intensively to implement tasks. 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, newsletters in English and Bulgarian. The prolongation of the project duration of till the 1st of November 2022 will enable the partners to organize and implement several conferences, more training session, meetings with different stakeholders at NUTS 2 and NUTS3 level, companies, people from universities, municipalities, etc., where we will disseminate the project results and will promote the project, the training modules, etc. Thus we will reduce the influence of the COVID 19 pandemic.

Evaluation of the training sessions.

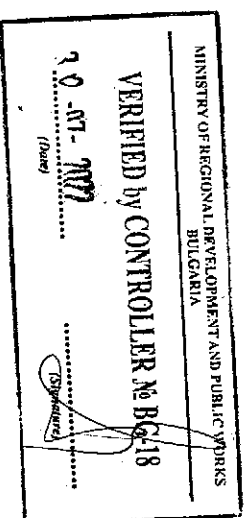
Implementation of WP 5

Development of the Joint ICT platform and the services, the enrichment of the platform with content, the translations, and the contribution to the pilot operation – started in this period translated into Bulgarian.

Development of the joint-cost-benefit analysis modeler and the PRO-ENERGY Roadmap for replicability of Project Results.

Preparation of the Energy Performance Contracts

Development of the follow-up plan for the sustainability of project results and for the organization of the consultation of the follow-up plan with stakeholders



2.5 Problems encountered and proposed solutions

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During this period, we continue to suffer some limitations due to COVID 19 epidemic. The online meetings are much worse than those face to face. We missed to see what the measures and work are in the field of energy efficiency in Greece and Cyprus and Albania and for the other partners in Bulgaria.

We managed to follow the implementation plan, developing of different deliverables, audits and training materials, 3 more training sessions with different attendees, deliverables under WP3, WP4 and WP5.

The change of the Albanian partner late in summer 2021 was a problem in project implementation.

All these problems imposed an extension of project duration firstly till the 1 of March 2022 and then till the 1 July 2022 and the third prolongation is till the 1th of November 2022.

Our efforts aim to do everything till the new end of the project.

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Changes in the Implementation

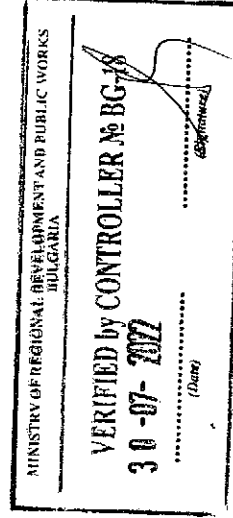
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SECTION B - INDICATORS

Priority Axis

2. Environment

Intervention 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. Input Indicators

Indicator's title	Unit of Measurement	Target (Reporting Period)	Current Value (Reporting Period)	Total Achieved Cumulative Value
Number of strategies/policies/plans/models and tools jointly developed and tested	Number	5.00		
Number of environmental friendly technologies' implementation related to the water/waste efficient management	Number	0.00		
Number of environmental friendly technologies' implementation related to climate change prevention and adaptation measures	Number	3.00		

3.2. Result Indicators

Result Indicators	Unit of Measurement	Target Value (Reporting Period)	Current Value (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	3.00		

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Please state the number of publications and/or measures of diffusion of information that have been used and/or according to the approved Application form, as well as any additional press, news etc. requirements on information, materials, news, etc. according to the Structural Fund assistance been supplied with.

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

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YES	<p>The publicity is done mainly by RDA website http://www.rda-bg.org/ and Facebook social media: pages of RDA (https://www.facebook.com/RDABSCSMES) https://rda-bg.org/index.php/news/single?id=196; https://rda-bg.org/index.php/news/single?id=200; https://rda-bg.org/index.php/news/single?id=204; https://rda-bg.org/index.php/news/single?id=201; https://rda-bg.org/index.php/news/single?id=211; https://rda-bg.org/index.php/news/single?id=202; https://rda-bg.org/index.php/news/single?id=203; https://rda-bg.org/index.php/news/single?id=212; https://rda-bg.org/en/index.php/news/single?id=178; https://rda-bg.org/en/index.php/news/single?id=181; https://rda-bg.org/en/index.php/news/single?id=182; https://rda-bg.org/en/index.php/news/single?id=183; https://rda-bg.org/en/index.php/news/single?id=188 Press-releases;</p> <p>Publication in a newspaper: The third PRO-ENERGY e-newsletter was translated into Bulgarian and disseminated. snapshot from January 2022 till June 2022 shows that RDA website www.rda-bg.org was visited by 3100 users.</p>	Number of characters: 1500
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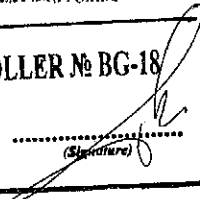
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