

“TOWARDS THE FUTURE” – STUDY ON THE POTENTIAL AND UTILISATION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES IN THE CROSS BORDER REGION



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This project will increase the knowledge of the population in the cross border region for renewable energy sources available in the region. It will also allow the residents of the region to better understand the possibilities of utilizing these energy sources and will have the opportunity to learn how to achieve greater energy efficiency.

The project "Towards the Future" - Study on the potential and utilization of renewable energy sources in the cross border region, will contribute to increasing the public awareness of the potential of renewable energy resources in the cross border region and the future use of environmental resources and increasing the energy efficiency and use of renewable energy sources in the South-East region, Republic of Macedonia and South-West region, Republic of Bulgaria.

Within the project there are planned roundtables and workshops that will enable the exchange of experience and transfer of know-how and will increase the cooperation on joint activities in the cross border region of Macedonia and Bulgaria.

Short description of the project:

Lead Partner:

- Centre for Development of the South-East Planning Region

Project Partner:

- Association of South Western municipalities – Blagoevgrad, Republic of Bulgaria

Duration:

18 months

Financed by:

This project is co-funded by EU through the IPA Cross-Border Programme R.Bulgaria-R.Macedonia

Objective of the project:

Improving the quality of life for the residents of the South-East Planning Region, Republic of Macedonia and Southwest Region, Republic of Bulgaria through increasing the energy efficiency in both regions and use of eco resources.

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Objectives of the project:

- Increasing the awareness for the renewable energy sources in the cross border region;
- Introducing the employees in the Municipalities from the cross border region with the possibilities of renewable energy sources and the ways for their utilization;
- Introducing the concept of energy efficiency to the private and public entities located in the cross border region;
- Determining the capacities of the renewable energy sources in the cross border region and publishing the Study;
- Offering a series of possibilities for utilization of the renewable energy sources in the cross border region.



Results of the project:

- Published "Study on the Potential and Utilization of Renewable energy sources in the cross-border region";
- Twenty seven representatives from the Municipalities from the South-East planning region of R. Macedonia and South-West region of R. Bulgaria acquainted with the Renewable Energy Sources available in the cross border region;
- At least ten representatives from the management of the public entities in the Municipalities from the South-East planning region, R. Macedonia and the South-West region, R. Bulgaria acquainted with the renewable energy sources available in the cross border region;
- 20.000 inhabitants from the Municipalities from the South-East planning region of R. Macedonia and the South-West region of R. Bulgaria acquainted with the Renewable Energy Sources through the Public Awareness Campaigns implemented on both sides of the border.