

Municipality activities regarding energy efficiency

Law on energy efficiency was adopted in 2010. Since then many activities for local governments were organized by the Ministry responsible for energy efficiency. Following are activities regarding energy efficiency that have been done with local government since in municipality Bijelo Polje.

*Municipality Bijelo Polje was included in realization of activities under project „**Energy Efficiency in Montenegro**” implemented from 2010-2013 by Ministry of Economy-Sector for Energy and GIZ (German agency for development). Through this project the main activities were:*

- *Education and certification of two employees of municipality Bijelo Polje regarding energy efficiency in 2010.*
- *Based on this education these two employees were given educational material and efficient bulbs that were given out during 2011.*
- *They were also responsible for advising citizens on energy efficiency measures and*
- *Office for Energy Efficiency in municipality Bijelo Polje was completed.*

During 2012 presentation of need for energy efficiency were done for:

- *total of 11 schools of which two secondary schools and four primary schools in Bijelo Polje and*
- *for citizens of five municipalities including Bijelo Polje.*

Caritas organization implemented energy efficiency measures in schools in Bijelo Polje. When the works were completed, as one of the two people responsible for energy efficiency in municipality Bijelo Polje, I gave a presentation of energy efficiency in these schools.

GIZ donated the money for realization of INFO center for energy efficiency in the university building in Bijelo Polje. This INFO center has examples of RES technology as well as informational material for education of local citizens.

We use this INFO center to also organize donation activities, giving out efficient bulbs and materials for insulation of windows and doors to local citizens.

GIZ organized a study tour to Germany for staff from municipalities in order to get familiar with experiences and practice regarding RES and EE in Germany.

As a person responsible for energy efficiency I have also participated in different seminars and education of energy management standard ISO 50001 during 2013.

***Finally**, during 2012 municipality formed working group to help development of Local energy plan, strategic energy plan for energy development of municipality for the next 10 years. This Plan was developed by experts from Montenegrin university in collaboration with the working group and financed by UNDP. Local energy plan was completed in mid 2012 and adopted in september 2013. Plan includes action plan with specific activities for the next few years.*

On national level there are currently two initiatives for private sector and households to be able to get a cheap credit for implementation of:

- Solar thermal systems,*
- heating systems using biomass.*

We are currently planning to organize projects that will allow for:

- energy audit of buildings,*
- cheap credit lines for retrofitting of buildings for public and household sector*

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