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“Reduce Energy Use and Change Habits” project

March 2014 – start of the project REACH

May-June 2014

Contacting the administration of City of Skopje for their involvement in the project. The sector for the international cooperation was positive that they will support the project but never signed the letter of support. Although their support was not presented officially, they provided several contacts needed for the visits of the energy poor household.

September 2014

There was a meeting with the representative of the Red Cross Macedonia – branch organization of Skopje about their involvement in the project. They showed interest in the problem and a willingness to participate, but with their involvement in many other projects, they refused their participation.

October 2014

The first contact with the Ministry of Economy was made in the October 2014 with presentation of the project idea. The representative of the Ministry was positive about the idea, so a special presentation in front of broader audience was organized. The idea of the project, especially helping the energy poor households was widely accepted, but there was uncertainty about the possibility of any policy change in the present laws. They also mentioned that the project “Energy poverty” backed by the government with 220.000 EUROS was covering most of this problem.

February 2015

Several meetings with vocational high schools were conducted. In February, MACEF representative had a meeting with the managers of the Vocational High School for Civil Engineering “Zdravko Cvetkovski”,

Vocational High School for mechanical studies “8 September” and Technical High School “Boro Petrusovski”. All the high schools supported the idea, but only ETUC “Mihajlo Pupin” accompanied the project until the end.

The training manual for the REACH project was translated and arranged according to the age of the energy auditors (17-18 years old) and it was send to the Secretariat for the Primary and Secondary Education in the Ministry of Education to be approved as an official document. The secretariat representatives explained that for the facultative purposes, the training book was acceptable, but for adoption into school curriculum there is long lasting procedure with duration of several years.

March 2015

The first 3 day training for 25 energy advisors was conducted in the Vocational high school for electro technical sciences ETUC “Mihajlo Pupin” which delivered the first 100 visits in the summer 2015.

May 2015

In May 2015, an informational letter, already prepared brochure and application for a meeting ware send again to the Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Social Affairs and Ministry of Urbanism.

The Ministry of Economy answered the letter, the Social Affairs redirected us in the Secretariat of Social Affairs of the City of Skopje which was responsible for the Skopje area.

A meeting was agreed with the Manager of the Secretariat of Social Affairs and they provided information about the different municipal organizations that can provide data on the energy poor households.

September 2015

Brochure for the project REACH, a short info (2 pager) was sent to the Ministry of Economy accompanied with letter of support was prepared and send to the Ministry of Economy (they cover the energy issues in the country). Due to the changes in the staff, the representatives explained that it will be very hard to provide the support in the times of political crisis.

March 2016

The cooperation with the Regional Branch of the Red Cross called “Municipal organization of Red Cross Gazi Baba” was developed in which they provided additional 300 energy poor households from their database. An agreement was prepared in which they accompanied the energy advisors in the household visits. They also provided 50 m² space for the placement of the energy efficiency devices needed for the second visits of the energy poor households. The cooperation with this organization was fruitfully and shall continue in the following years if needed.

June 2016

Second training for 11 students was conducted in the ETUC “Mihajlo Pupin” high school. It lasted for 3 days. On June 13th the visits took place in the broader area of Gazi Baba Municipality until August 6th 2016. A 300 energy poor households were visited in this period.

October 2016

REACH project was presented in the ZEMAK conference in city of Ohrid with other projects in which MACEF was involved as a local partner in front of the audience represented by Mayor of Municipalities, Company Managers, Foreign guests and other interested parties.

November 2016

REACH project was presented on the “Energy Efficiency Days of the city of Skopje 2016” in front of the City of Skopje administration and a representatives from the energy companies and other interested parties working in the field of energy.

December 2016

While the new plans for the following years are prepared, The City of Skopje promoted a project for subsidizing the pellet boilers (with 500 EUROS per household) for around 1000 households in Skopje area. Until the end of the REACH project, this project haven’t started yet.

January 2017

The second visits of the energy poor households are finished, and data about the consumption, savings etc. are almost done. The recommendations derived from the REACH project are sent to the several parties in the newly elected Macedonian parliament in the eye of the forming of new government.

February 2017

A round table will be organized for the presentation of the REACH accomplishments in the field of visiting and helping energy poor households in the Skopje area. The data are summarized and there is a clear picture of what are the positive outcomes of the project. The round table will be organized with the representatives of Ministries, representatives of City of Skopje, representatives from the municipalities in Skopje area and NGO sector. The issues of definition of energy poverty and possible structural measures will be discussed in order to produce an official document on this issue.

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