

**Symposium: “SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES IN SOUTHEASTERN  
EUROPE”**

*Athens Plaza hotel, 25 February 2014*

**DRAFT PROGRAM**

**9:00 – 9:30** Registration

**Welcome session:**

**9:30 – 9:50** “The priorities of the Greek presidency in RES & EE sector. The outstanding role of municipalities”, **I. Maniatis, Minister for Environment, Energy and Climate Change**

**9:50 – 10:10** “Energy and Municipalities”, **K. Askounis, Central Union of Greek Municipalities (tbi)**

**10:10 – 10:30** “The SEE Programme in Greece”, **N. Moschogiannis, Managing Authority of European Territorial Cooperation Programmes, Ministry of Development & Competitiveness**

**10:30 – 10:45** “CRES role for energy and environment in Local Authorities”, **CRES President**

**10:45 – 11:00** “Presentation of the RE-SEETies project and the Capitalization Initiative of SEE programme”, **Mr. István Hunyadi, Local Government of Budapest District 18**

**11:00 – 12:00** Press Conference (for closed circle of speakers and journalists)

**11:00 – 11:30** Coffee Break (for the conference participants)

**Session I: Resource efficiency technologies in European cities**

**11:30 – 11:45** “Clever use of materials and energy thermal treatment technologies to utilise waste”, **Dr Dusan Klinar, ZRS Bistra Ptuj**

**11:45 – 12:00** “Sustainable smart grid open system for aggregated control, monitoring and management of energy”, **Giuliana Caponigro, city of Potenza**

**12:00 – 12:15** “Utilisation of renewable energy sources in public buildings in Budapest 18<sup>th</sup> district”, **Pal Nagy, Budapest 18<sup>th</sup> District**

## **Session II: Resource efficiency municipal action plans**

**12:15 – 12:35** “Covenant of Mayors: Sustainable energy action plan from South East European Countries”, **Albana Kona, DG Joint Research Centre, European Commission**

**12:35 – 12:55** “Energy planning in municipalities”, **Christos Nakos, CRES**

**12:55 – 13:15** “Sustainable resource management - Creation of added value through efficiency and renewable energy”, **Carsten Rothballer, ICLEI**

**13:15 – 13:30** “Strengthening the Network of Sustainable Capital Cities in SEE”, **Dr. Julije Domac, FEDARENE/REGEA**

**13:30 – 14:00 Questions**

**14:00 – 15:00 Lunch**

**15:00 – 16:00 Parallel round table discussions with key stakeholders**

- **Topic1:** Overcoming barriers to energy efficiency in Public Buildings (moderated by **REGEA** and **CRES**)
- **Topic 2:** Involvement of local stakeholders and engagement of local and national level decision makers in the process of sustainable development (moderated by **Energiaklub**)

**16:00 – 16:30 Results**

## **Background:**

The 8 South- East European cities and regions of the ReSEETies project aim **to improve the integrated policy-making and strategic planning competences of municipalities in the field of energy efficiency (EE), Renewable Energy Sources (RES) and waste valorisation.** The project tackles two major elements linked to resource efficiency: **energy and waste**, in an integrated manner. This way it sheds light on the challenges of energy consumption and waste production, but also the interrelations and opportunities thereof.

The project focuses on the demand side, and investigates how consumption patterns may be changed and how policy-making alternatives may support the changing demands, via city leaderships with innovative policy-making solutions, tools and incentives.

The participating cities are in charge of designing and implementing strategy building, and have the necessary policy- and decision-making competences. In this process, they are supported by a group of professional institutions having notable expertise and dissemination power in the field of EE and RES.

The ReSEETies' implementation is now halfway and the project is ready to take stock of the results so far and integrate its achievements into local strategy building and EU level policies.

*Resource efficiency is a top priority reflected in Europe 2020 and in the South- East Europe (SEE) area agenda, especially in the light of excessive consumption of energy, uncontrolled waste production as well as the lack of efficient coordination measures and awareness regarding how to use resources more consciously. To boost resource efficiency, city leaderships have a major role to play at local and regional levels. Europe and the SEE region can tackle the challenges of energy only by joint, transnational actions.*