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Our aim is to form resource-efficient urban communities in Europe

In local communities, where real changes can be made with grassroots initiatives, it is the most important to create environmental conscious thinking. RE-SEEties project is supported through the South East Europe Transnational Cooperation Programme, co-financed by the EU. The Launching Event of RE-SEEties project was organized in Zara Hotel Continental, Budapest, on 25th February, 2013.

Resource efficiency is a top priority in the South-Eastern Europe policy making agenda. The consumption habits of end users and inhabitants can cause serious environmental damages. The excessive energy consumption, the uncontrolled waste production, the lack of coordination measures and consumer awareness force us to search for solutions for using the available resources more efficiently than before.

“RE-SEEties program wants to facilitate the change of consumer habits, so communities can find and learn solutions and tools, that can mean functionable and useable alternatives for them, that are sustainable with the new approach” - said Attila Ughy, mayor of the Municipality of Budapest District 18 at the conference organized related to the project. “ For local governments it is a principle to research, measure and know their competences, to take stock of the problems and options, and find partners, because this is the only way to determine the right guidelines of environmental and energy policies” - added the mayor.

The communities have a special role in stimulating the efficiency of the resources both locally and regionally. The RE-SEEties project helps the actors of the local government to use the resources more economically. The project specifically tackles two major elements linked to resource efficiency - energy and waste, in an integrated manner. This could make it possible to reveal the challenge of energy consumption and waste treating and to stop the current tendencies. Energy saving, recycling and the modern use of the landfills and alternative energy sources help transforming consumer's habits.

The aim is to collect good , creating practicesg databases that in the future can help everyone to use the best methods or technological solutions or planning structures for themselves. The mind-changing thoughts have to be taught for wide range of the society. This way we can create communities that use their recourses consciously, that protect their environment and care for recycling.

The project's long term vision is to turn the South-Eastern European towns to resource efficient urban communities. ERFA and IPA partners of 8 South-East European regions are taking part, cities, regions and expert companies that have a leading role in planning and creating the strategy of the project.

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