



EVENT DESCRIPTION

Project Partner: Macedonian Center for Energy Efficiency and City of Skopje

Title of the event: Streetlight – LED possibilities, finances and investments

Date & location: 28.04.2015, City Council Hall

Organiser(s): City of Skopje and MACEF

Number of Participants: 71

Summary

At the first meeting, the stakeholders were presented project objectives and results achieved to that point. Possible ESCOs/companies presented their programs related to LED technologies for street lighting. Finance institution/banks presented their possibilities for financing projects related to street lighting in municipalities.

Objectives & main programme points

- Official presentation of the project to the target groups: municipalities, private companies and financial institutions.
- Shearing possibilities for financing projects to municipalities for installation of LED technology in streetlight.
- Representatives from the private sector presented the possibilities and LED solutions for street lighting from their companies and positive results that can be achieved with new LED technology.
- A few best practises for street lighting in municipalities in Macedonian were presented.
- Speakers from 2 private companies – whose main service is the maintenance of street lighting systems - presented their equipment and maintenance methods to the audience.

Conclusions & lessons learnt (based on stakeholder input)

The representatives from the municipalities mentioned that even though there are new technologies for street lighting, the investments in this sector are on very low level. They also suggested that the main problem of the municipalities is the lack of relevant data on the number of replacement of old inefficient lamps with new energy-efficient lamps.

Also mentioned was the lack of studies and energy audits for street lighting in general.

In addition, the investment potential of the municipalities for the refurbishment of the street lighting system is very low. It is equal to the funds collected from the fees for street lighting (approx. 40% of the total fee for street lighting). With those funds, officials from the

municipalities must also operate and maintain the street lighting system, so those funds are not enough for modernization and repairing the network. Several not good practices with Public Private Partnership have resulted in municipalities hesitating to sign any agreement for Public Private Partnership or ESCO agreement, particularly for this sector.

