



EVENT DESCRIPTION

Project Partner: Carlow Kilkenny Energy Agency

Title of the event: Session: Local Authority Public Lighting Clinic

Date & location: 26th March 2015 – RDS Meeting Rooms

Organiser(s): SEAI & CKEA

Number of Participants: 20 Local Authority Only

Summary

To follow on from the Public Lighting Workshop, the local authority representatives were invited to participate in a questions and answers session with Ralf Pakbier, Public Lighting Coordinator City of Venlo and Zarpana Signor, European Energy Efficiency Fund.

Objectives & main programme points

The main objectives of this clinic was to host a questions and answer session with Ralf and Zarpana on their experiences in terms of both public lighting retrofits and financing projects. The financial feasibility of projects is seen as a key road block in Ireland .The questions and answer session allowed the local authority representatives to ask particular questions in relation to their own particular projects or implementing general projects in Ireland. The technical aspects of the projects were answered by Ralf who has implemented a retrofit project of 10,000 lamps with a goal of 16,000 by 2016 financed through the European Energy Efficiency Fund.

Conclusions & lessons learnt (based on stakeholder input)

With the centralisation of water services and the subsequent transfer of assets to Irish Water the main energy user in the majority of local authorities is public lighting. The onus on local authorities to reduce energy is now focused mainly on public lighting. This has led to a huge appetite for public lighting retrofit in Ireland. The lack of knowledge and experience of both financing and implementing large scale projects was evident at the meeting. The majority of questions surrounded the technical elements of the Venlo project but also focussed around the practical implementation and financing of the projects.



