



EVENT DESCRIPTION

Project Partner: ECCB

Title of the event: Meeting with the municipal representatives on the refurbishment of streetlight systems through EPC

Date & location: 13.10.2015, City of Jistebnice

Organiser(s): ECCB together with South Bohemia County

Number of Participants: 8

Summary

This event brought together mayors and managers of technical services providing companies. It served to present and discuss technical and legal issues regarding the streetlight systems and EPC contract.

Objectives & main programme points

The aim of this meeting was to spread information about the "Streetlight-EPC" project and to offer basic technical and regulatory information on streetlight systems.

Also the clarification and discussion on "step-by step guidance documents" took place there. The guide and other tools were disseminated at the meeting along with other information materials. Information about the EU phasing-out requirements were given and discussed.

Programme:

1. part – information about the ECCB agency and about the "Streetlight-EPC" project
2. part – legal and technical requirements for street lighting systems, data and documentation needed for streetlight system refurbishment
3. part – information about EPC (history, principles, what is an ESCO, the association of ESCO, examples of projects)
4. part – discussion

Conclusions & lessons learnt (based on stakeholder input)

This type of event seems to be a good platform to disseminate information and to get feedback.



The participants were mostly from smaller municipalities, who usually do not have much information about EPC.

Topics discussed include:

- Price of electricity
- Public procurement
- Sometimes the representatives of technical services providing company are not involved in the team that prepares the EPC contract conditions (as was the experience with some non-streetlight projects)
- The content of the streetlight system inventory
- Quality of current LED technologies
- The financial principles of EPC versus the municipality accounting rules

Regarding EPC, similar issues to those that have been brought up at previous events were mentioned:

- smaller municipalities do not have big enough streetlight system to be suitable financial projects for EPC
- very often smaller municipalities do not have even enough money to order the basic documentation needed (inventory, etc.)
- it is hard (almost impossible) for them to specify the maintenance cost
- the electricity price is too low (less than 10 Eurocent/kWh) and the payback period is too long
- the municipalities have access to very advantageous loans
- the existing subsidies (only a small budget) force municipalities to divide their projects into smaller steps

The participants found the program useful and especially appreciated the regulatory and technical items of the programme.

One bilateral meeting with a municipal representative resulted from the event.

