



EVENT DESCRIPTION

Project Partner: ECCB

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

Date & location: 30.09.2015, city of Pisek, meeting room – city of Pisek

Organiser(s): ECCB together with South Bohemia County

Number of Participants: 17

Summary:

Meeting mayors and the managers of technical services providing companies. Presentation and discussing technical and legal issues regarding the streetlight systems and EPC contract.

Objectives & main programme points:

The aim of this meeting was to spread the information about “Streetlight-EPC” project, and to offer the basic technical and legislation information on streetlight systems and to give a basic information on principles. Also the clarification and discussion on “step-by step guidance documents” took place there. The documents were disseminated at the meeting together with other promo materials. . Information about EU phasing out requirements were given and briefly discussed.

Programme:

- 1.part – information about ECCB agency and about the “Streetlight-EPC” project
- 2.part – legal and technical condition for streetlight systems, data and documentation needed for streetlight system refurbishment
- 3.part – information about EPC (history, principles, who is ESCO and the association of ESCO, examples of projects)
- 4.part – discussion



Conclusion & lessons learnt (based on stakeholder input):

Issue discussed:

- Price of electricity
- Sometimes the representatives of technical services providing company are not involved in the team preparing EPC contract conditions and it could cause some future operation troubles (non streetlight project experiences – reconstruction of the boiler)
- The contents of the streetlight system passport.
- Quality of recent LED technologies.
- The EPC financial principles versus the municipality accounting rules (....)

The seminar shows that the municipalities are interested in these themes regarding the streetlight systems, especially the small one. The biggest cities are always more experienced and do have their own (or engaged) servicing company, which are in charge of (not only) street light systems and which have certain knowledges about EPC very frequently. The smaller cities and municipalities usually do not have more information about EPC.

The participants found the program useful mainly the legal and technical items. Regarding EPC the discussed issues are still repeating: smaller municipalities do not have big enough streetlight system to be suitable financial project for EPC, very often they do not have even enough money to order the basic documentation needed (passport, general...), it is hard (almost impossible) for them to specify the service cost, the electricity price is too low (less than 10 Eurocent) and payback period is too long, the municipalities has an axes to cheaper money (loans) than ESCOs.

A few bilateral meeting with the municipality representatives was arranged. This type of event looks to be an ideal platform to disseminate information and to get a feedback.

