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# Public Dialogue Initiative on the Sustainable Use of Energy in South-East Europe

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## GIZ Open Regional Fund for South East Europe- Energy Efficiency (GIZ ORF EE)

- “ Regional instrument of German Federal Ministry for Economic Development and Cooperation (BMZ) since 2008;
- “ Cooperation with different networks from South East Europe:
  1. Energy Community Secretariat and Ministries responsible for EE;
  2. Civil Society Organizations;
  3. Capital cities (Network of energy efficient capital cities);
  4. Associations of local self governments



## Public Dialogue Initiative (PDI)

- “ With support of GIZ ORF-EE the Initiative started in 2010;
- “ Three phases of cooperation;
- “ December 2010 MoU between 3 partner political schools from Montenegro, Serbia and Croatia signed in Sarajevo; March 2011 political schools from Macedonia and Albania joined the Initiative;
- “ December 2012 all schools from seven countries from a SEE signed MoU in Podgorica;
- “ December 2014 new partners from Germany



## MoU signing, Podgorica, 14th of December 2012





## MoU signing, Sarajevo, 4th of December 2014





## Network of Schools for Political Studies

- “ Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (Serbia)
- “ School for Democratic Leadership (Montenegro)
- “ Academy for Political Development in cooperation with DOOR- Society for Sustainable Development Design (Croatia)
- “ Centre for Research and Policy Making ( FYR Macedonia)
- “ Albanian School of Political Studies (Albania)
- “ Prishtine Institute for Political Studies (Kosovo\*)
- “ European Association of Schools of Political Studies in BH





## Network of Schools for Political Studies

- “ Operating under auspices of Council of Europe;
- “ More then 10 years of experience in education of politicians, governmental officials, NGO leaders, media and local level representatives ; broad alumni-network of decision makers;
- “ Excellent intermediaries to the decision makers and all relevant stakeholders in the society;
- “ GIZ ORF EE supported not only financially, but also provided advisory



### Public Dialogue

on the Sustainable Use of  
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## Mission of the Initiative

- “ Support the progress towards achievement of the target for 20% improvement in energy efficiency by 2020 by enabling a **proper environment** for the successful implementation of relevant policies;
- “ **Create political will** for action through public dialogue across the key sectors of society; strengthening of **intersectoral** cooperation;
- “ Stimulate **platforms for public dialogue** on policies on EE and climate changes in the countries of South East Europe (recognizing the role of decision-makers, in particular members of parliaments)



## Target groups

- “ Fostering capacity building and public dialogue on sustainable use of energy between:

### Members of parliament

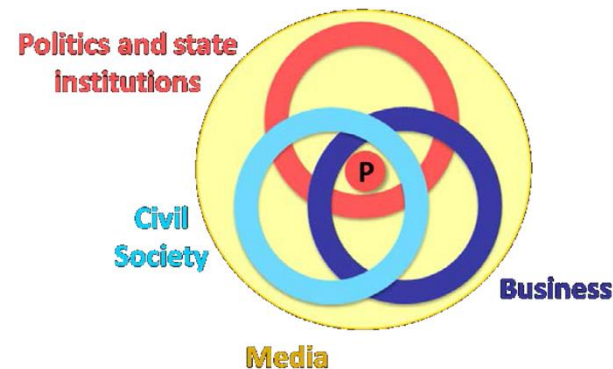
Government

Business sector

Civil society

Media

Local representatives



- “ Increasing the social and political will within all sectors of society



## Dialogue platforms

- “ Over **85 national activities** for different stakeholder groups;  
**creating a trustful relations;**
- “ Educating and informing the members of parliament on EE;
- “ Initiating the **parliamentary hearings**; recognized as an excellent **platform for the public dialogue** for policy formulation and monitoring of implementation of laws and policies on EE; contribution to the good governance and participatory processes;
- “ First parliamentary hearings on EE held in 2012 in the relevant parliamentary committees in Montenegro and Serbia;
- “ In 2013 and 2014 . 5 hearings in MNE; SER, MKD, CRO, KOS
- “ In 2015 . for the first time in ALB and BH; MNE; SER; KOS



## Members of Parliament and EnC

- “ **First study trip of members of parliament to Energy Community ever in April 2013** organized by the Montenegrin school for political studies;
- “ Triggered the cooperation between EnC and the parliamentary committees for energy in the region;
- “ Parliamentary Plenum has been established end of 2015



## Strengthening the roles of specific target groups in the dialogue processes

- “ **Strengthening the role of local level** in the dialogue processes;
- “ Associations of local self-governments are now part of the parliamentary hearings and advocate for municipalities;
- “ **Strengthening the role of NGOs** in the public dialogue processes on climate changes and sustainable use of energy;
- “ Joint actions of the NGOs in BH and MAC to the state institutions;
- “ Important NGO inputs on the Drafts of Laws related to EE in ALB, as well in KOS;
- “ In Albania the NGO-inputs given during the hearing have been included in the Law



## Strengthening of the PDI Network

- “ Bilateral visits to the hearings;
- “ Openness of the Initiative to the other organizations and donors;
- “ GIZ encouraged the PDI Network to independently apply for additional fundings on national and regional level;
- “ Konrad Adenauer Stiftung in KOS and MAC;
- “ The PDI Network has been in 2015 additionally supported by expertise of German organization **Baltic Environmental Forum (BEF)** and German Federal Foundation for Environment (DBU); parallel financing



## Energy.Development.Democracy Conferences

- “ 1st regional conference **Energy.Development.Democracy** organized jointly by all partners in the National Parliament of the Republic of Serbia, October 2011, Belgrade;
- “ 1nd  **award**+given to two presidents . Mr. Tadi and Mr. Josipovi and a musician from Montenegro, Rambo Amadeus;







## Energy.Development.Democracy Conferences

- “ 2nd regional conference **Energy.Development.Democracy**
- “ May 2013, Zagreb, Croatia;
- “ Need for regional networking of MPs on the topic of sustainable use of energy; best examples from a SEE in civil society, from local level, as well from the parliament and from the European policies;
- “ Regional **en award**” winner - Marijan Maras, City of Zagreb





## Energy.Development.Democracy Conferences

- “ 3rd regional conference in Podgorica in September 2015 ;
- “ For the first time all relevant regional actors in SEE have been the co-organizers of one Conference in SEE (RCC, EnC, DBU, GIZ, South East Europe Association, Munich) or participated in the program;
- “ Regional **“award”** winner - Aleksandar Damjanovic, Chair of the Parliamentary Committee responsible for Energy





## Conclusions

- “ Further strengthening of the initiated parliamentary hearings in all countries and role of members of parliament;
- “ Further strengthening of the role of NGOs;
- “ Needed continuous dialogue among all society sectors;
- “ Patience and time needed;
- “ Sustainable use of energy is not anymore only a technical topic.



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