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The LEGEND project launches the largest geothermal energy investment campaign ever done in the Adriatic euro-region. Its purpose is to promote the use of “Geothermal Energy”, which is one of the most environmental-friendly and cost-effective energy resources available. By publicising the cost savings made in converting the heating systems in public buildings to GCHP (Ground Coupled Heat Pumps) technologies, it is intended that more public authorities (municipalities &c) will see that they can also achieve savings using this technology.

LEGEND will fund the conversion of 7 public buildings to GCHP, and strengthen the applicability of this technology for energy savings, knowledge exchange with the Balkan countries, physical energy requalification of public buildings utilising GCHP. Analysis of market barriers, knowledge transfer to specialised stakeholders and policy recommendation to encourage local markets are also part of this project.

LEGEND is scheduled to last 2 years, ending in October 2014. Montenegro Green Building Council™ (GBC ME™) is the Lead for the analysis of market and policy barriers and proposals for the reorganization of the relevant legislation, together with elaboration of guidelines for the transfer of the project results at local level. To provide evidence to support the use of GCHP, seven public buildings will be converted by other partners in the project; (2 each in Italy and Croatia, 1 each in Montenegro, Slovenia, Bosnia and Hercegovina).

GBC ME™ participated in the 1st meeting of this international project in Ferrara, Italy in December 2012. Davide Nardini, Councillor of European Funds and Public Works of Province Ferrara, Italy, welcomed the participants. Stefania Leoni from Emilia-Romagna Region, Italy represented her vision of “Bringing Adriatic towards a carbon-neutral future”, giving hard economic facts, related to the last call from proposal of the IPA CBC Adriatic Programme. She defined the priorities and discussion of the UE position paper which included: a) attention and development of the territory, b) support the use of renewable energies and the urban mobility, clean transport; c) promotion and develop the adaptation of climate change and risks prevention; d) innovation and welfare in order to make the territory more attractive for investment.

Montenegro Green Building Council™ draws on the expertise of Board members, including one of the few national experts in energy efficiency, member companies working in Renewable Energy Sources, the University of Montenegro and foreign experts working with government. According to its institutional competences and expertise, GBC ME™ will use the results of the project to promote geo-thermal energy as a sustainable alternative to fossil fuel generated energy, where suitable geological conditions exist.

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