

IDEA NEWSLETTER

IDEA Project funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union launched in November 2017, targeting the issue of Energy Poverty.

ENERGY POVERTY

Energy poverty, in general terms, represents the inability of a household to secure adequate amounts of energy in the home – allowing it to keep living spaces adequately warm (or cool during hot days) and welllit, to have access to a needed range of energy services, and to be able to afford a sufficient amount of energy for everyday requirements. A major barrier preventing a change in the current energy consumption habits is the lack of education and knowledge. A major barrier preventing a change in the current energy consumption habits is the lack of education and knowledge.



AIMS

IDEA aims to decrease energy poverty by:

- Implementing an educational platform for energy awareness, containing a total of 15 innovative and useful ICT Tools
- Implementing an educational program and a set of innovative educational material with a curriculum for adult education about energy poverty

CONSORTIUM

The consortium consists of four partners, three of them being Energy Experts and one ICT Laboratory:

- DRUSTVO ZA OBLIKOVANJE ODRZIVOG RAZVOJA (DOOR) from Croatia
- ENERGY AGENCY OF PLOVDIV ASSOCIATION (EAP) from Bulgaria
- FOCUS DRUSTVO ZA SONARAVEN RAZVOJ (FOCUS) from Slovenia
- UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS (UCY) from Cyprus – Coordinator of the Project

PROGRESS

The first results of the project (through Intellectual Output 1) are published in the project's website and can be accessed and downloaded in the following link:

www.project-idea.eu/index.php/results/

The results have been included in a report covering all partner countries on the state of the art on existing tools, methods and educational practices for training in the areas relevant with energy poverty, as well as the training needs and gaps in existing materials in this subject. Moreover, stakeholders already active or interested to become active in the field are identified.

CURRENT WORK

The Consortium is now working in tasks under Intellectual Output 2, with the following goals and expected results: an educational program and a curriculum for adult education on energy poverty that will act as the answer to the training needs identified in Intellectual Output 1, and serve as input for the development of energy poverty ICT tools to follow in Intellectual Output 3.

Intellectual Output 2 also included the organization of a five day learning activity with the participation of all the partners in order to share knowledge, expertise and examples of best practice on energy poverty between them, which will also strengthen preparations for Intellectual Output 3.

The learning activity was organised and hosted by the University on Cyprus during the last week of April. In the last week of April, the University of Cyprus partner organised and hosted the project's activity. Through the five day



meetings and sessions the partner's discussed, educated each other and took important decisions for the ICT Tools to be developed throughout the project, in regards to the Energy Expert and Energy Poor needs.

STAKEHOLDERS DAY

A "Stakeholders Day" was organised in the last day of the event, gathering all energy expert stakeholders in Cyprus. Energy experts from several public organizations of Cyprus attended and presented projects they are involved in concerning energy poverty and energy consumption issues. The partners and the stakeholders discussed during the networking session, exchanged opinions and knowledge. The energy experts showed much interest about the project's upcoming results and willingness to contribute in any way they can. At the end of the information day, the University of Cyprus presented ideas about the ICT Tools and the stakeholders provided their feedback and thoughts on them.

DISSEMINATION

Through the first six months, the project's website, the project's logo, a Facebook page, a Youtube channel and a communication leaflet and text were designed and created. You can visit the project's website in the following link: www.project-idea.eu/.

In addition, the project was disseminated in two events by EAP and UCY in Bulgaria and Cyprus respectively. EAP disseminated the project in the Regional conference for energy poverty in the framework of the Bulgarian EU presidency. UCY disseminated the project in a National Agency event about Erasmus+ Youth projects.

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