



INNOBUILDINGS 2017 Conference in Hegyvidék!

Budapest - „From 2020 we have to half our emission in every ten years” said director Csaba Kőrösi at the Innobuildings 2017 Conference organised by the Municipality of Hegyvidék and the partners of the Together project, where participants learnt about the insights how can we reduce the energy consumption of public buildings.

In 2016 seven Central European country decided to launch the Interreg CE Together project to cooperate and reduce together the energy consumption of their public buildings. They attempt to reach their goals without major investment and retrofiting, using the latest scientific methodes from the field of behavioural sciences. As the project reached its half time the seven partner shared the latest results of their pilots and discussed the related topics with the help of recognised lecturers from Hungary and elsewhere.

Zoltán Pokorni, the mayor of Hegyvidék opened the event who emphasized in his speech that international projects like Together are vital to help residents realise their inner potential in the climate change adaptation process. The keynote speech delivered by director Csaba Kőrösi, leader of the Environmental Sustainability Directorate of the Office of the President of Hungary pointed out that although technology provided us the possibility to create economic growth without increasing our emissions we still have a lot to do to reach the 2°celsius goal of the Paris Agreement.

The invited speakers proved throughout the day how can we reduce both in theory and in practice the energy consumption of buildings with a combination of demand side management measures and an innovative smart metering system. The programme was developed by the project partners with the lead of Province of Treviso and will be piloted in 84 public buildings all across Central Europe. The details of the program, the applied techniques and tools, and the possible obstacles of the implementation was presented in a roundtable discussion with the representation of all participating institute.

Nevertheless, the conference was much more than just the collection of frontal presentation. During the breaks, participants could experience what gamification means as they walked around the energy efficiency market, while they wrote energy commitments to their future selves. and they could also get familiar with the smart meters. At the end of the conference everyone got the chance to visit the innovative heating system of the MOM Cultural Center (one of the pilot buildings) that produces heat from sewage.

In the next steps of the project, partners will launch their pilot activities to change the behaviour of building owners, managers and users with several motivational and gamification tools. The aim is to save as much energy as possible, hence decreasing the cost of operation and the eco-fotprint of public buildings.

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