



EU SUSTAINABLE ENERGY WEEK 2019 CELEBRAITION IN TELAVI

Throughout month of June the Georgian Covenant of Mayors signatories have been joining the EUSEW 2019 by organizing Sustainable Energy Days in their cities including various interactive events with broad involvement of citizens, both youth and adults. The theme of this year's EU Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW) was “**SHAPING EUROPE'S ENERGY FUTURE**”

As a part of EUSEW 2019 this year's Sustainable Energy Day in Telavi took place on June 28, 2019 and started at the Ikalto village kindergarten which have been selected for an energy effective modernization within “Biomass Energy and Energy Efficient Technologies as Sustainable Energy Solutions for Georgian CoM signatories” project funded within EU Covenant of Mayors Demonstration Projects (CoM-DeP) and co-financed by the Telavi Municipality City Hall. In his welcome remarks to the gathered audience Telavi Municipality City Hall Deputy Mayor, Mr. Davit Begishvili spoke on the benefits the project implementation will bring to the kindergarten in terms of saved energy and better comfort for children. He also pointed out that similar projects contribute to the fulfilment by the municipality of the undertaken commitments under the Covenant of Mayors on reduction of CO₂ emissions by 30% by 2030 and making the municipality cleaner, resilient and more comfortable. The kindergarten staff and parents got first-hand information on project activities and implementation timeline. Kindergarten nurselings offered to the invited guests concert with rhymes on saving water and energy. At the end of the event kindergarten nurselings got minor gifts (branded T-shirts, caps), mini bags with vine tree prunings and attached leaflet on its utilization as heating.

Sustainable Energy Day Events continued in Telavi Historical museum where eco-club members and art school students gathered to information seminar to discuss potential and benefits of using locally available agricultural waste to energy. Art school students displayed thematic posters on saving energy. More than 30 Telavi cyclists wearing branded T-shirts raced through the city's main street advocating for the healthy lifestyle. The Sustainable Energy Day participants, representatives of various municipal departments and public organizations, representatives of “Covenant of Mayors-East” program and gathered citizens were greeted by Telavi Municipality City Hall Deputy Mayor, Davit Begishvili who awarded the participants with the certificates for participation in Sustainable Energy Day events. The Day ended with the concert of the local band.

This year's EUSEW-SED events in Telavi were organized jointly by Telavi Municipality City Hall and Energy Efficiency Centre Georgia within the framework of “Biomass Energy and Energy Efficient Technologies as Sustainable Energy Solutions for Georgian CoM signatories” project. The project is financially supported by the EU and the Telavi Municipality City Hall within the framework of the Covenant of Mayors Demonstration Projects (CoMDeP) and implemented by Energy Efficiency Center Georgia.

The EU4Energy Initiative covers all EU support to improve energy supply, security and connectivity, as well as to promote energy efficiency and the use of renewables in the Eastern Partner countries Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. It does this by financing projects and programmes that help to reform energy markets and to reduce national energy dependence and consumption. Over the longer term, this makes energy supply more reliable, transparent and affordable, thus reducing energy poverty and energy bills for both citizens and the private sector.

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