



Sustainable Energy Day in Rustavi City

10 June, 2014

On 10 June, 2014 in Rustavi City was commemorated Sustainable Energy Day. The Organizer of the event was self-governing Rustavi City within “CoM Grant Project” financed by EU Commission with support of CoMO East Tbilisi Office, Union “Energy Efficiency Centre Georgia” as partner in “CoM Grant Project” and “Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency New Project” financed by BP Georgia.

The Event was opened by Deputy Mayor of self-governing Rustavi city (Mr. Gigi Tabatadze) who greeted the audience with welcome speech. During his speech he emphasized the importance of taken obligations under covenant of mayors for Rustavi city and called the audience for more active involvement in the process of implementation of Sustainable Energy Action Plan (SEAP) for Rustavi city. After the welcome speech representative of CoMO East Tbilisi office (Mr. George Abulashvili) made a presentation on Covenant of Mayor Policy who in detail introduced the aims and objectives of covenant of mayors as well as obligations taken under of it to the event audience. At the end of presentation was held a discussion where all participants had an opportunity to ask the questions related to CoM.

Representative of EECG (Ms. Elene Gvilava) made a presentation on EECG’s activities in terms of RE & EE projects and CoM Grant Project; more specific she introduced to the audience implemented, ongoing and planned activities of CoM Grant project as well as the representative of self-governing Rustavi city (Mrs. Sophie Lomineishvili) provided a presentation about future plans of RE and/or EE measures envisaged in developed Rustavi SEAP.

The second part of the event was dedicated to the conference “My-Eco Town” where participants of thematic contest for schoolchildren of public schools from Rustavi city presented their projects devoted to Renewable and Energy Efficiency technologies. The idea of the projects was to identify problems in their municipality in terms of environment protection, energy consumption and present its ways of solution. The mentioned contest and conference was conducted within “Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency New Project” financed BP project and its co-ventures. At the end of the conference the best projects were awarded with the prizes and all the participants were awarded with certificates for participation in sustainable energy week and T-shirts, cups and pens.

The Students in their presentation highlighted main problems related to environmental aspects in Rustavi city and presented to the officials of municipality the ways of their solutions. In their opinion main sectors in which the local municipality has to pay attention are transport, street lighting and waste management. At the end of the conference the cooperation memorandum was signed among EECG and Self-governing Rustavi city. The memorandum envisages the implementation of renewable energy measures in Rustavi Municipal Sport Hall within “Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency New Project” financed by BP Georgia and co-financed by self-governing Rustavi City. After conference the media-tour was organized for the local journalist in above-mentioned Sport Hall.

During the second half of the day from city entrance started up bicycle marathon (approx. 30 cyclists) and finish on city main square. At that time on the freedom square the promo girls disseminated T-shirts and leaflets. Finally, at main square was held street basketball match, event was organized by Rustavi municipality with RED BULL company. During the break of match, volunteer teenagers were dancing break dance. In the end of day at the main

square switched on dancing water fountain with laser show. All participants of the events were awarded with relevant certificates for participating and souvenirs (T-shirts). During the event EEGC disseminated the Press-release for journalists as well.

Pictures reflected the SED in Rustavi City

