

Agenda

10th September 2014

07:00pm at the **Reception desk** of the Graffit Gallery hotel

07:30pm **WELCOME Dinner at Classic restaurant**, located in the Marine Garden of Varna

11th September 2014

Conference venue: Graffit Gallery Hotel | 65 Knyaz Boris I Blvd., 9000 Varna

09:00 **WELCOME by Lead Partner**

09:10 **Welcome speech by Mr. Dobromir Dzhikov** - City Councillor in Varna

RECOMMEND activities

09:30 **Introduction** by Benjamin Kuscher (*ConPlusUltra*) & Ingrid Rozhon (*Lead Partner*)
▪ Summary of the main RECOMMEND project results & highlights

RECOMMEND RIP Themes

Why – How - When

Eco-Voucher schemes to foster eco-management and eco-innovation

09:55 **Improvement of existing voucher schemes**
Kujawsko-Pomorskie Region
Rafał Modrzewski

10:05 **New Implementation of voucher scheme**
Ekoport
Jan Jareš

RECOMMEND RIP Themes

Why – How - When

Cluster development for eco-innovation & eco-management

10:25 **Eco-management Cluster**
Opportunity Peterborough
Rod Gilchrist

10:35 **Eco-Innovation Cluster (Bionics)**
LEA Spodnje Podravje
Uroš Majerič

10:45 **coffee break & networking**

RECOMMEND RIP Themes

Why – How - When

Stakeholder platform for eco-innovation & eco-management

- 11:10** **Contest „Eco-friendly company of the year“**
Tartu Regional Energy Agency
Martin Kikas
- 11:20** **My Eco-Expert**
Lower Austria
Benjamin Kuscher

INTERREG Europe

- 11:30** **INTERREG Europe-** Jason Martines (INTERREG JTS)
- Capitalisation
- Calls
- Priorities
- 11:50** **INTERREG B Programmes-** Benjamin Kuscher
- Calls
- Priorities
- 12:10** **lunch break at Red canapé restaurant , Gallery Grafit hotel**

Circular Economy

14:00 - 16:30 **Workshop on the topic “circular economy”**

*The workshop is prepared and moderated by **Greenovate” Europe Ltd.** who prepared the RECOMMEND Best Practice study at the project start; Greenovate! Europe is an independent expert group dedicated to the development of sustainable business.*

The **circular economy** is a generic term for an industrial economy that is, by design or intention, restorative and in which material flows are of two types, biological nutrients, designed to reenter the biosphere safely, and technical nutrients, which are designed to circulate at high quality without entering the biosphere. (Wikipedia.com)

The workshop will introduce the policy area of the circular economy with a focus on waste policy and targets. Participants will contribute information on their regional priorities on circular economy and waste management as well as their current regional waste treatment activities. The workshop aims to support the development of future cooperation projects in that policy area.

Target of this workshop:

- Gaining new information on the topic “Circular economy”
- Inspiration / basic information for new project ideas & future common activities

- 14:30** **Introduction** to the objectives of the workshop – Ingrid Rozhon
- 14:35** **How does it work?** – Astrid Severin / Katharina Krell
- 14:40** **Key note “The Circular Economy - new European waste policies and targets”** – Astrid Severin / Katharina Krell
- 15:10** **Breakout Sessions “Waste as a resource”** gathering information on
- Regional priorities and barriers in terms of circular economy and waste management
 - Current collection and waste treatment methods
- Session 1** with **BG, CZ, AT, SI** – moderated by Katharina Krell
Session 2 with **IT, PL, UK, EE** – moderated by Astrid Severin
- 16:00** **Feedback from the breakout sessions** – Astrid Severin / Katharina Krell
- 16:10** **Plenary discussion “Potential future cooperation projects”**
moderated by Astrid Severin / Katharina Krell
- 17:00** **sightseeing tour at Kamchia resort**, 20km from Varna (<http://www.sok-kamchia.com/>) – only in Bulgarian and Russian language

Dinner at Kamchia resort, beach restaurant-> transfer by bus to Varna

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09:15 **Opening of the 2nd day**

Round Table “Covenant of Mayors” organised by PP 10 & PP 11

The Covenant of Mayors is the mainstream European movement involving local and regional authorities, voluntarily committing to increasing energy efficiency and use of renewable energy sources on their territories. By their commitment, Covenant signatories aim to meet and exceed the European Union 20% CO₂ reduction objective by 2020. http://www.covenantofmayors.eu/index_en.html

10:45 - 11:00 **coffee break & networking**

11:00 **RECOMMEND Creativity Workshop-** Brigitte Hatvan & Benjamin Kuscher (*ConPlusUltra*)

- Future of RECOMMEND activities
- Cross border crowdfunding for energy
- public support of Circular Economy
- Green Procurement
- Local energy managers for energy efficiency
- Definition of future projects

12:30 **Coffee Break Networking Session**

7th STEERING GROUP MEETING

12:45 **Project Communication-** Ingrid Rozhon, *LP*

- ✓ Status Quo: fulfilling targets of project application form
- ✓ Final newsletter (content, time lines, work distribution)
- ✓ Folder RECOMMENDATIONS (short version)
- ✓ 1 electronical folder with summary of the main results of RIPs (long version)
- ✓ Presentation of RECOMMEND results at 3 EU institutions (e.g. at Open Days 2014)

13:00 **Finance & general topics -** Benjamin Kuscher (*ConPlusUltra*) & Ingrid Rozhon, *LP*

- Status Quo Report on 4th RECOMMEND Report
- Status Quo Report on 5th RECOMMEND Report
- Information on procedure of the Final RECOMMEND Report
- Status Quo of Shared Cost payment

13:15 **closing remarks & Group picture**

13:30 **Lunch, visit to the “Old Varna” private museum + wine testing at Old Varna complex**

16 :00 **End of conference**
Departure of participants