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Assessment report on additional trainers



Austria:

The following people participated in the Austrian „train the trainers“ seminar on 26 January 2012 in Vienna:

Peter Molnar, Klimabündnis Österreich, CEO

Michaela Hauer, Klimabündnis Österreich, project manager

Petra Hrachovina, Klimabündnis Österreich, project manager

All participants take part in a working group on a new course on Urban Climate Protection, which shall be set up in cooperation between Climate Alliance and Grüne Bildungswerkstatt for Austrian decision makers and municipal staff. Climate Alliance has long standing experience with Climate Protection courses, which are being held for those target groups (see <http://www.klimabuendnis.at/start.asp?ID=239161&b=4163&b2=747&am=>) . The new course shall be held with the help of the BEAM 21 eLearning platform and focus on topics especially relevant to bigger municipalities.

Bulgaria PECSD Report of the Trainers' Course

Training of trainers

The training course for trainers was carried out on the 20th and 21st January 2012 in the office of PECSD. The training continued 2 days. For participation in the course 5 persons were registered. The leader of the training was Iliyan Iliev. During the first day the trainees received knowledge about work with the electronic platform Moodle (starting of new course, adding of new participants, adding of information and renewing of the lessons). In the second day the participants were trained in mastering of the method for leading of mixed (by electronic platform and seminars on site) training course according to a method developed under BEAM21. At the end of the training the trainers participated in a special session during which the carrying of one BEAM 21-course was valued.



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After the end of the training three trainers were selected. Three criteria were used for the selection of lecturers: Knowledge on the subject of global warming and alternative energy sources; Practice a trainers; Region of activity. The last criterion is related to the option if requests are received for paid training the transportation costs to be reduced to minimum which makes the courses more attractive. So the regions were distributed according to the described principle.

List of trained trainers

Petko Kovachev – Expert with the Institute for green policy, based in Sofia and he will be available for organization of the trainings for Municipalities from Western Bulgaria.

Tatyana Gicheva – Expert with Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Town of Dobrich and she will be available for organization of the trainings for Municipalities from North-East Bulgaria.

Svilena Velcjeva – Expert with PECSD – City of Varna and she will be available for organization of the trainings for Municipalities from South-East Bulgaria.

Plan for engagement of the trainers

The future BEAM 21 trainings will be offered in seasonal principle – from September to June. Every season is divided in two Semesters of 4 months each. Autumn Semester – from 1st of October to 31st of January and Spring Semester - from 1st of March to 30th of June. Within the frames of each Semester the platform will work with 5 Municipalities maximum. Within the frames of one semester one Municipality may carry up to 2 courses. Each course may be comprised of 10 participants. Depending on the location of the Municipality and the current engagement of the trainer, for each course the most appropriate trainer will be selected.

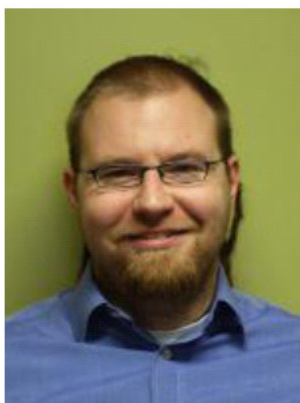
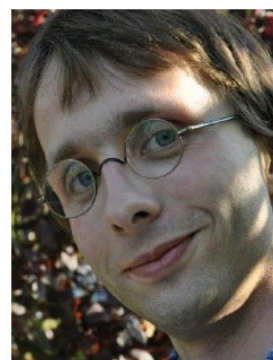
Report on trainers course Czech Republic

The workshop for additional trainers took place on the **5th April 2012** in Brno. Three young trainers from non-governmental sector have been instructed on how to run BEAM21 courses and they became familiar with the blended-learning method. The workshop has been performed by Eva Hejralová, the BEAM21 coordinator and main tutor for the Czech courses.

All trainers have cooperate with the NGO Hnutí DUHA, although they hasn't been directly involved in the BEAM21 project. **Jiří Koželouh** has been a member of the Energy team of Hnutí DUHA for several years. He has a degree in physical geography and he's specialized in climate change. He's been responsible for another educational project on climate change aimed at high school students. His major contributions to the project might be rich personal contacts with NGOs and other stakeholders potentially involved in climate change planning process and an expert knowledge of the subject.



The second additional trainer, **Martin Kryl**, has been active in NGOs CEE Bankwatch and Amnesty International. He's also cooperated with Hnutí DUHA as an external IT expert. Throughout his studies of social ecology he obtained theoretical knowledge of climate change and sustainable energy. Professionally he is interested in energy efficiency issues and he's personally involved in political negotiations on intelligent energy financing mechanisms. Running blended-learning courses would be easy for him, because he's both familiar with the Moodle system and he is used both to give lectures and to teamwork.



The third trainer, **Michal Šimoník**, is a skilled communicative person with close relations to non-governmental sector. He has a degree in environmental human studies. In his job for Hnutí DUHA he takes care of supporters and has a lot of useful contacts. He's been interested especially in sustainable transport and is active participant in a car-sharing system. His experiences, flexibility and enthusiasm would help him to deliver further courses.

All trainers were provided with training handbook in English and a brief resume in Czech. The Czech brochure has been adapted on specific features of the Czech e-learning platform and contains useful contacts on municipalities and partners.



GERMANY

In Germany six trainers were trained from green political foundations in Thuringia, Schleswig-Holstein, Berlin, North Rhine-Westphalia and the association of green municipal policy in Brandenburg. These organisations are able to promote and implement the BEAM 21 trainings after the project covering a large geographical area in Germany. They are all connected in the Heinrich-Boell-network, sharing common planning and evaluation procedures. This guarantees a high level of quality of further BEAM 21 trainings carried out.

The trainers are:

André Moser (Heinrich-Boell-Foundation North Rhine-Westphalia),
Michael Welz (Heinrich-Boell-Foundation Thuringa),
Ralf Engelke and Tanja Lazova (Bildungswerk Berlin, HBS),
Doris Lorenz (Heinrich-Boell-Foundation Schleswig-Holstein),
Ansgar Gusy (Association of green municipal policy Brandenburg).

They have been trained by the Heirnich-Boell-Foundation Brandenburg on 21st May 2012, are connected via a the BEAM21 platform and there has been started a common planning process to deliver trainings in Thuringia, Schleswig-Holstein, Berlin, North Rhine-Westphalia and Brandenburg from January 2013 on. Courses will run on www.beam21.de as common platform, but will be carried out self-directed by the trainers in the related federal states.

FRANCE

The Local Energy Agency diffused a Call to application in November 2011 .Applications had been received between in January and February and 12 structures were selected. The goals of mixity were reached : 5 of them are Local Energy Agencies , 3 are environmental organizations , 3 are consulting offices or free-lance and one is a local authority. There is also a good geographical distribution.

Firstly, the additional trainers had been trained on the moodle plateforme. The main purpose was to get them a knowledge of the tool with the point of view of a trainee and to raise remarks and improvements suggestions before the on-site meeting.

The training meeting occurred on June 13rd and 14th . Thanks to the infrastructure of the INSA engineer school, the group had the possibility to work on the Moodle plateforme. The additional trainers also got very precise information by analyzing exhaustively the individual sheets of satisfaction.

10 people out of 12 attended to the training.

Some trainers have already have well-shaped plans to deliver trainings in the future. The additional trainers described their projects in a letter and some of them were able to identify the municipality (or territory) to be trained.



LATVIA

The trainer's workshop took place in Riga on July 24, 2012. Project coordinator in Latvia had identified 6 potential trainers – given their work experience and professional knowledge, they were given basic information about BEAM21 course, the project and its implementation in Latvia. In the end 5 people were invited to attend the workshop.

The workshop had three parts. It started with introduction and giving background information to participants about BEAM21 training courses for decision-makers and staff. The course leader Alda Ozola guided participants through all chapters with the help of on-screen presentation and the BEAM21 internet platform and explained how the course is structured. Alda Ozola provided answers to various questions of clarification.

In the second part course leader in Latvia informed about BEAM21 implementation in Latvia, observations about key areas of interests for Latvian municipalities, their commitments as well as feedback of municipalities about the course.

At last, in the third part of the workshop participants were invited to share their opinions about possible improvements of the course, the ways to approach climate issues in municipalities, opportunities and areas for cooperation with municipalities in reaching their climate targets, as well as express their willingness to become trainers opinions.

In the end there were two participants who expressed clear commitment to become trainers: Ms. Selīna Ābelniece and Mr. Ojārs Balcers. Other said they might be also available to give training on some specific themes, but could not committ themselves to become trainers. Later however a course participant from Ventspils town Ms. Baiba Prūse, who has successfully completed the course for municipality staff, expressed her initiative to become a course trainer.



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REPORT OF TRAINERS COURSE IN LITHUANIA

Trainers course took place on July 11th in Kaunas. Main idea and results of the BEAM project were presented for the trainers. Introduction to the training material, main topics and work with Moodle platform as well as some aspects of adult education were presented to the trainers by lecturers V.Ramanauskiene, A.Alijosiute, L Gelaziene from Environmental Centre for Administration and Technology/ECAT.

Participants for the trainer course - three trainers were selected in a such way, that their experience in different fields complement each other. They were selected according their experience related to the topics of the training, understanding of municipal structure and main areas of municipal activities, as well as work with public education and information. Trainers have possibility to communicate together and share experience durin future courses. Trainers of the courses: Dalia Gineitiene: Master of Public Administration, Lecturer at Kaunas University of Technology, Faculty of Social Science. The main fields of scientific and practical interests: implementation of sustainable development at local level, public information and involvement into decision making processes, environmental protection.

Dr. Juozas Ramanauskas: Associated professor at Kaunas University of Technology, Faculty of Architecture and Construction. The main fields of scientific and practical interests: energy efficiency and energy saving in buildings, thermoproperties of building materials and building constructions, renewable energy in buildings.

Anatolijus Lesnickas: Chief specialist at Environmental Management department of Marijampole municipality; Participated and succesfully finished BEAM courses for specialists. Main fields of interests: environmental protection, climate change, renewable energy, sustainable development.

After the end of the BEAM project ECAT will look for possibilities to implement courses in other municipalities. and will hire the trainers to conduct the courses if will be such possibility. Also for trainers id possible to communicate municipalities independently and to make direct contracts with municilpalities.

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POLAND - BEAM 21 train-the-trainers workshop i

Training seminar for future BEAM 21 trainers was organised in Warsaw on 15 March 2012. It gathered together six candidates for trainers, each representing different region of Poland: Ms. Bożena Gorczyca (pomorskie), Ms. Maria Nowak (wielkopolskie), Mr Łukasz Zych (śląskie), Ms. Olga Wojciechowska (mazowieckie), Mr Andrzej Haraśny (dolnośląskie) and Mr Paweł Pogorzelski (podlaskie). The majority of candidates have experience either in delivering projects addressed to local government or dealt with climate and energy issues. Almost all of them have also been involved in delivery of the EU LIFE+ project "Good climate for the counties".

The training seminar was divided into two main parts: presentations by BEAM 21 project partners in Poland and Q&A session.

Presentations by experts from the Institute for Sustainable Development, First Warsaw's Agenda 21 and Centre for Environment and Development were dedicated to the following topics: general outlines of the project, co-operation with municipalities, blended learning methodology, www.moodle.beam21.pl platform content and way of operating as well as the role of the trainer. During the training seminar the candidates for trainers have been given access to BEAM 21 training platform so that they could try it out and comment on it.

In the Q&A part of the training session the candidates wanted to learn about technical aspects of the project, scenarios of on-site sessions and good practise examples of BEAM 21 partners co-operation with municipalities.

Candidates for future BEAM 21 trainers found the project interesting, innovative and worthwhile to be replicated.



More info:

http://www.ine-isd.org.pl/lang/pl/page/aktualnosci/id/9/stronicowanie/4/view/szkolenie_dla_przyszlych_trenerow_projekt_beam_21/

<http://www.beam21.pl/>

Romania - Report on trainer's course

Date and location:

The trainer's course BEAM21 in Romania was organized in Tg. Mures, at 7th June 2012.

Participants:

- Mr. Iuliu Benchea, representative of the Regional Development Agency from the Region Central Transylvania
- Mr. Peter Pal, director of the Ecologis SRL, environmental consultancy and training company
- Mr. Istvan Kosa, independent trainer and specialist in environmental management

The training of the trainers aimed to familiarize the future trainers with the moodle platform and to exercise the methodology of the BEAM21 course, and to plan the future steps concerning the extension the BEAM21 course to other towns in order to support more and more towns in elaboration of the SEAP, and to increase the number of towns members of the Covenant of Mayors.

During the training Zoltan Hajdu, responsible for the implementation of the BEAM21 project in Romania presented the whole project, the international partners and the municipalities in Romania, participants on the BEAM21 course.

After the general presentation of the project it was presented the moodle platform, and the way of function of the BEAM21 platform. After the general presentation of the BEAM21 course were presented the different chapters of the course and were discussed the big themes of the course (climate change, reduction of GHG emissions, good examples, Covenant of Mayors, elaboration of SEAP), and the whole philosophy of the training. After that, were presented the technical problems, which have to be handled by a trainer during the course (evaluation of the participants, news forum, discussion forum, etc.). After the presentations, the participants did practical exercises concerning the use of the course, in live situation, when they have a group to be trained.

After that the participants get enough experience in the use of the BEAM21 course, were discussed the possible ways of the further use of the course. Mr. Benchea declared that the Regional Development Agency promote the Covenant of Mayors, and the course BEAM21 is an useful instrument, so he will propose the course for the towns, which show interest to sign the Covenant of Mayors and request support from the Agency in elaboration of SEAP. Mr. Peter Pal, declared that the Ecologis consultancy is in contact with many municipalities and he will propose to these municipalities the BEAM21 training course. Mr. Istvan Kosa, as independent specialist, will support the three institutions (Focus Eco Center, Regional Development Agency, Ecologis) in the preparation and implementation of trainings.

As a conclusion after the training the participants agreed that the group will function as a team in further implementation of the BEAM21 course.



Mr. Istvan Kosa, Mr. Benchea Iuliu , Mr. Peter Pal

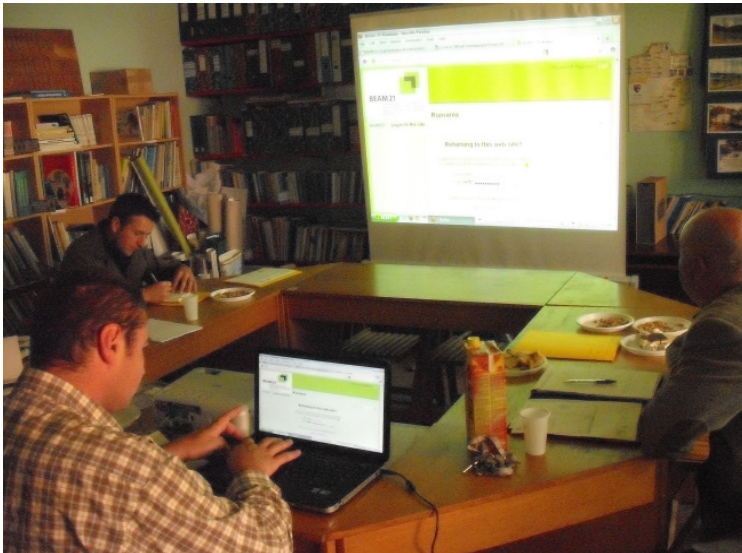


Image from the trainer's training
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