

Welcome to ERASME news!

In this second edition of ERASME News, we have prepared a selection of highlights of the ERASME project activities as well as information about the project partners, upcoming events, and other interesting information related to SMEs' involvement in the energy audit programs and initiatives.

By exploring this newsletter, you will be able to have a general idea of ERASME contributions to the achievement of project objective made in the period from the end of September 2012 to March 2013.

What is ERASME?

Erasme or EneRgy Audits in SMEs is a project that develops and promotes energy audits' use in SMEs in Central Europe as a tool for reducing the high cost of energy.

Project Objective

The project objective is to demonstrate that a more effective solution for Energy Audits in SMEs is possible and practicable.

Expected Output

- audit methodology and training material
- at least 50 energy audits per region
- at least 140 trained ERASME Energy Auditors
- at least 7 Regional Agreements with regional administration

Activities and Events

2nd Partner meeting in Fürstenfeld 18 – 19 October, 2012

Brainstorming of „know-how“ for ERASME work packages

GZSZ project partner from Austria and the project coordinator ECUBA organised and hosted the first ERASME partner meeting in Fürstenfeld, Austria. On behalf of GZSZ, Dr. Ludwig Ems, Ms. Eva Hamker and Ms. Ingrid Kienberger actively took part in this partner meeting to bring in specific know-how for the particular requirements of different work packages.

Commencing with Work Package details

Several topics were discussed, as well as presented:

- CNA-ER presented financial package added to the Handbook;
- RDA NBF presented the operative draft evaluation of energy audits;
- UniZag presented the first draft of the “Training for Trainers” handbook;
- Presentation of 1st draft of Financial Measures & ESCo Contract.

The meeting enabled exchange of partner past experiences and best practices related to communication with financial institutions and energy auditors in respective regions. The partners agreed on the outline of training for trainers course curriculum.

Outline of Training for Trainers course material – November 2012

Polishing the training program for trainers/auditors

The November revision of training material provided the outline of introductory information, process equipment, renewable energy sources, legislation and financing mechanisms. Equal attention is given to describing the audit reports preparation and the creation of checklists for the walkthrough and full audits as additional training and field work aids.

Training for Trainers, Zagreb 18 – 19 January, 2013

The training of trainers was organised by UNIZAG. GZSZ was represented by Mr Ludwig Ems, who is an expert in energy matters and approved energy auditor for the Styrian state government (WIN-consultant). Check out our Photo Gallery.

Other Updates

- A common training program content outline agreed by all partners
- UNIZAG FSB created the “Training for Trainers” draft version Handbook
- ERASME website translated to all partner Consortium official languages
- Website published in seven partner official languages with English version running as the project default site
- ERASME flyer created

Upcoming Events

3rd Partner meeting in Kraków, Poland 7 – 8 March, 2013

Exchanging of experiences

Some of the topics will include:

- an exchange of experiences on national training;
- creation of network of SMEs;
- the ERASME Brand and Identity;
- selection of financial institutions;
- collection of interested SMEs;
- assigning of SMEs to Auditor and Control of the Energy Audit.