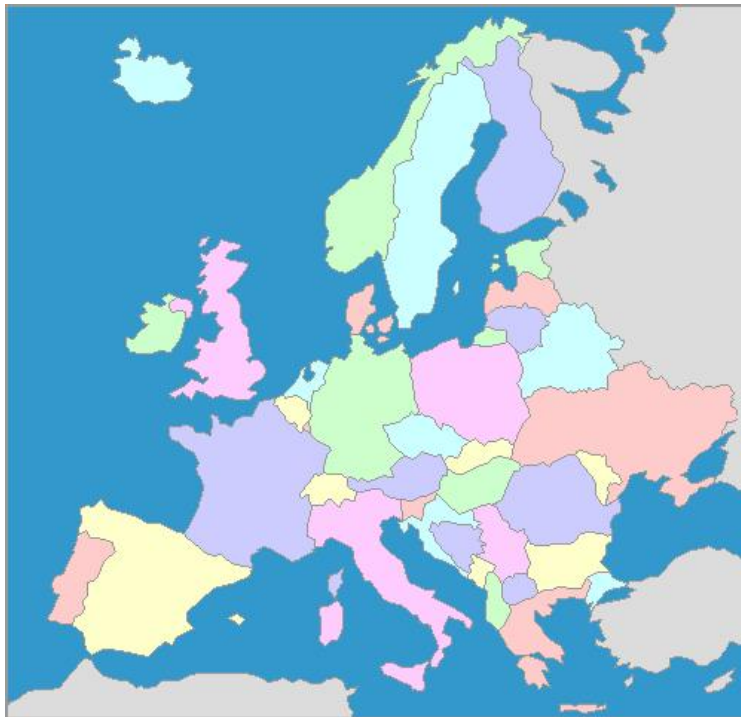




EURO PERSPECTIVES FOUNDATION



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Mission

The mission of the Foundation is to foster sustainable development in Europe and to strengthen the European integration in the Western Balkans acting as a centre for training and education, information and experience exchange and policy-making initiatives.

Objectives of the Foundation

- Enhancing European Integration and guaranteeing the sustainability of the results of the integration process;
- Supporting the competent state authorities in formulating the state policy related to effective delivery of public services and implementation of European policies;
- Drawing expert potential for the development and implementation of successful practices for public and private investments;
- Development and implementation of models for successful partnerships;
- Promoting innovation and economic development to improve the competitiveness and employment throughout the European space;
- Improving public services in health care, education, science, culture, technology and public and social infrastructure;
- Contributing to environmental protection, sustainable use of natural resources and preventing risks;
- Enhancing sustainability and public visibility of protected areas;
- Improving mobility, sustainable territorial and information society accessibility;
- Promoting sustainable urban development;
- Development and affirmation of civil society;
- Protecting human rights, support for social integration and personal realization of man;
- Support of youth initiatives;
- Mobilizing EU resources to address the global development gap.

Foundation activities

- Distribution of information and know-how, including new methods and approaches;
- Investigation, analysis and development of policies/strategies/programs/plans;
- Design, organization and delivery of education and training;
- Setting mechanisms and systems for partnership and networking;
- Holding and supporting the participation in international, national and regional experience exchange events and campaigns;
- Supporting community initiatives, related to the sustainable use of natural resources;
- Offering financial and technical assistance;
- Working on behalf of and supporting the authorities at all levels, the non-profit organizations and the business in fundraising;
- Development, implementation and/or funding of projects, including demonstration projects;
- Lobbying and advocacy;

- Supporting the coordination, information and experience exchange in operating together with state, regional and municipal bodies, non-profit organizations, commercial enterprises, the academic community and society in general;
- Organizing and holding discussions, seminars, round tables, fora, public hearings and other forms of public/stakeholder consultations;
- Other activities not forbidden by law.

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THE PROJECTS WE WORK ON

„MORE4NRG”

financed by ERDF via the INTERREG V Programme of the EU
Project number 0006R1

Area of action: local policies in the field of energy efficiency and renewable energy sources (EE and RES)

Partners:

Lead partner is Province of Flevoland (The Netherlands). The other partners are: Province of Noord-Brabant, The Netherlands; County Council of Norrbotten and County Council of Västernorrland, Sweden; Maramures County Council and Prahova County Council, Romania; Region Abruzzo and Lazio Region, Italy; Valencia Agency of Energy, Spain; Assembly of European Regions and Western Greece via Georama and EPF with the Gabrovo Region.

Start: September 2008

End: September 2011

Status: on-going

Team and experts in Bulgaria:

Veslava Abadzhieva, Kamen Chipev, Manol Manolov, Mihaela Stoyanova, Ralitsa Manolova, Stoyan Faldzhiiski, Tihomir Nedyalkov, Raina Karcheva, Violeta Yaneva, Milena Ignatova

To reduce the effects of climate change and prepare for the decline of the oil-age, European regions play a key role in promoting, developing and implementing renewable energy sources (RES) combined with energy efficiency strategies. Many EU regions are taking action in this field, defining specific objectives and action plans to improve the use of RES and energy efficiency in their area. 86 European regions have signed the Declaration “European Regions for Energy efficiency and Renewable Energy Sources”, initiated by the Association of European Regions (AER) in 2006. Among them are 8 Bulgarian municipalities: Svilengrad, Minralni Bani, Madzharovo, Sliven, Haskovo, Chepelare, Dimitrovgrad and Region of Haskovo. In the wake of this declaration 11 EU partners joined forces with the AER in this project.

Main project activities:

1. Kick-off meeting
2. 7 regional experience exchange events
3. Development of specific studies on the good practices and legislative, institutional, financial and market conditions for the development of EE and RES sector at regional level.
4. 5 peer reviews among which 1 in Gabrovo Region with the participation of experts from Valencia, Spain, Västernorrland, Sweden, Lazzio, Italy and Western Greece.
5. Development of 5 regional action plans including for Gabrovo Region
6. Joint project newsletter
7. Joint project website accessible also in Bulgarian language
8. Project Brochure
9. DVD

- 10. Compilation of good practices
- 11. Final Conference

Implemented in 2010:



During this year the successful implementation of the project by Euro Perspectives Foundation was noticed by the Joint Technical Secretariat managing INTERREG IVC. The success of the project team to contribute to the inclusion of Energy chapter into the up-dated Gabrovo Regional Development Strategy was reflected in the INTERREG IVC brochure on first wave projects as well as in the INTERREG IVC leaflet for Bulgaria. After that EPF was invited to present its experience at the INTERREG IVC – instruction for use seminar in Russe,

Bulgaria on 2 December 2010. Veleslava Abadzhieva made presentation during the plenary session and participated as speaker in the workshop on ‘Energy and sustainable transport’. At the end of 2010 Euro Perspectives Foundation was also invited to present its experience at the EU Interregional Cooperation Forum to be held in Budapest on 3-4 February 2011. The event Agenda shows that this is going to be the only presentation from Bulgaria. The Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works also invited EPF to present MORE4NRG project in the info day in Sofia to take place on January 27, 2011.

The project maintains Internet webpage in Bulgarian language www.europerspectives.org/more4nrg and in English language www.more4nrg.eu with information on all events and produced materials.

In 2010 Veleslava Abadzhieva participated in the MORE4NRG workshop that took place in the framework of the Sustainable Energy Week in Brussels in March 2010. She presented the experience and results from the peer review in Gabrovo from November 2009.



During this period EPF translated the Good Practices brochure, printed it and disseminated widely in Gabrovo and to stakeholders on national level. In June 2010 a delegation of 4 experts from Bulgaria participated in the peer review in Western Greece and provided its expertise during the visit and also for the preparation of the Western Greece Peer review Report.

The major work during 2010 was to support the Regional Administration of Gabrovo Region in the development of the Energy chapter in the up-dated Regional Development Strategy. EPF developed series of materials based on the conclusions and recommendations of the experts who visited Gabrovo in 2009. Substantial part of those materials found its place in the analytical part of the strategy. At the end of 2010 EPF started to contribute to the

development of the Regional Energy Efficiency Action Plan of Gabrovo, which will detail measures and actions towards EE and RES in the region.

In 2010 the finalization of the Framework Conditions Study on EE and RES Investments continued. The new Greek partner took the lead and EPF contributed the report Study on the support mechanisms available for the development of renewable energy sources (RES) in Bulgaria, Greece, Italy, Sweden, the Netherlands, Romania and Spain. The document contains a list of available financial mechanisms and brief information on each of them.

2010 marked the major work on the compilation of the final project products – DVD, final brochure and Guide on how to develop energy efficiency plans. EPF contributed materials to each of them, including an article on the reasons for developing regional/local energy efficiency plan and the good practice on stakeholder involvement, implemented for the purpose of the peer review in Gabrovo.

SEE-IFA Network
South-East European Cooperation of Innovation and Finance Agencies
financed by the South East Europe Transnational Cooperation Programme of the EU
INTERREG IVB
Project number SEE/A/202/1.2/X

The new SEE-IFA Network project (www.see-ifa.eu) starts from a core group of already existing cooperation partners addressing innovation and technology support for micro, small and medium sized companies (MSME). MSME in SEE are facing structural deficits. Thus, stimulating innovative entrepreneurship with an appropriate range of instruments is one of the most important challenges for the countries from the region.

Area of action: support for SMEs in areas related to innovation and new technologies

Partners – the project unites 11 partners from 10 countries in SEE

Austria – Austria Wirtschaftsservice, AWS – Lead Partner, public structure for promotion of innovation and competitiveness

Bulgaria – Euro- Perspectives Foundation, public equivalent body aiming to promote regional cooperation and regional cohesion - www.europerspectives.org

Italy - Finlombardia – Consultancy Agency for innovation and technology promotion

Greece – Georama – Regional Consultancy Agency

Hungary – TETALAP – Hungarian Science and Technology Foundation

Italy – Regione Veneto Industry Department, public structure

Romania – AMCSIT – Management Agency for Scientific Research, Technology Transfer and Innovation

Slovenia – SID, Slovene Export and Development Bank

Macedonia – University St Cyril and Methodius, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering

Croatia - AZRA, Varazdin County Development Agency

Serbia – RDA Banat, Regional Agency for Socio-Economic Development Banat

Start: 11 March 2009

End: 31 December 2011

Status: on-going

Team and experts in Bulgaria:

Raina Karcheva, Veleslava Abadzhieva, Zlatina Karova, Georgi Mihailov, Vihra Andonova, Philip Krastev, Violeta Yaneva

Overall Objective

Strengthening the IFA project partners capacity for effective provision of innovation and technology support to MSME through the establishment of a platform for know-how-transfer and by concrete joint action. Innovation and development of technologies are of crucial importance for the competitiveness of companies and regions, building the basis for future growth.

Specific Objectives

1. Identify needs and gaps in all SEE-countries in the region's capacity for a more effective provision of innovation and technology support to MSME
2. Improve the exchange and transfer of know-how through the assessment of existing instruments and the identification and modification of transferable elements
3. Enhance the operating environment through the identification of funding possibilities and the development of a patent and license Fund
4. Assist IFA partners and relevant bodies in the establishment of Innovation & Finance Agencies with adequate portfolios for innovation and technology support
5. Increase capacity of local actors and experts through mentoring, training, exchange schemes and visits

Target group

Primary target group – operators of Innovation and Finance Agencies (IFAs) at regional and national level; secondary target group – innovative SMEs and their business support actors; intermediate target group – public bodies with an important framework role in provision of technology and innovation - Universities, research centers

Expected results

- ✓ Enhanced mutual learning of IFA actors in the region and mobilized local stakeholders
- ✓ Needs and Gap Analysis developed based on common methodology and common standards
- ✓ Financial instruments developed by designing at least one transferable instrument to stimulate innovation & technology in MSMEs
- ✓ New transnational Patent & License Fund designed to stimulate transfer of knowledge and technology (patents, licenses, research results, utility models, know-how)
- ✓ New Innovation & Finance Agency set up - 2 pilot actions carried out
- ✓ Capacity building activities implemented via train-the-trainers programme, exchange programme
- ✓ An advanced tool developed to increase visibility - SEE Innovation portal established

Main activities

- ✓ To develop and animate Innovation portal and web content
- ✓ To draft Country Assessment Synthetic Report based on common benchmarks

- ✓ To elaborate Good practices models and to guarantee its dissemination
- ✓ To develop financial instruments to support innovation and transfer technology in MSMEs – drafting decision making guidelines, pilot activities implementation
- ✓ To set up a SEE-trans-border Patent & License Fund – feasibility studies, assessment of fund availability, recommendations
- ✓ To set up a new Innovation & Finance Agency – design of IFA portfolio and instruments, marketing
- ✓ To provide training activities for stakeholders
- ✓ To set up a Local Support Group/LSG in order to guarantee the national support and the multiplier impact

Implemented in 2010:

The activities in 2010 were concentrated in 6 Work Packages – WP1 Management; WP2 Communication & Dissemination, WP3 Analysis WP4 Instruments and WP5 The Fund, WP7 Training

WP1 – The EPF Bulgaria (PP1) has cooperated closely with the LP and all partners through the entire project implementation period despite some national administrative difficulties. The EPF core team and all external experts have contributed to the achievement of the specific WPs’ tasks. Effective project management procedures were established in order to assure a smooth achievement of all project objectives. The Project work program was regularly reviewed and updated and the project financial aspects were periodically supervised and coordinated. Permanent information sources were created. The EPF representatives took part



in all open for EPF technical & thematic meetings. Aware about the time pressure, EPF doubled all networking initiatives and established a permanent information channels with the Bulgarian officials. EPF was involved in the frame of WPs in progress: all planned outputs were achieved and a smooth implementation of the project was assured

After long inter - institutional discussions in the summer of 2010 Bulgaria signed the Memorandum of

Understanding with the Managing Authority for the SEE Cooperation Programme. The financing is no more blocked. Co-financing agreement was signed with the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works.



WP2 - The LSG (Local Support Group) built in 2009 aiming to support the project implementation in Bulgaria, to analyze the achieved results and to multiply the impact, carried out two more meetings bringing together representatives of SMEs and national agencies involved in innovation policy (36 and enlarged to 40). EPF team contributed to the implementation of Project Communication & Dissemination Strategy by organizing the LSG meetings on October 28th in the framework of the European Entrepreneurship Day and on December 7th.

A local network of stakeholders was made operational in order to disseminate all project results & products. A large number of individuals (60) were reached directly through dissemination of communication materials.

In July a presentation of the project was organized in the framework of the Innovation forum held in the Ministry of Industry and Tourism.

WP3 - In the beginning of 2010 all WP3 activities were finalized. The Bulgarian Country Report produced in 2009 was up-dated. The transnational Synthesis report was discussed and finalized by the WP3 Lead partner. EPF experts actively participated in the development of the Analysis' methodology – tools, principles and technical expertise and prepared an excellent background for further activities in WP 4 and 5.

WP4 - Identification and design of a Financial Instrument for supporting innovative SMEs is one of the key project activities. Based on the WP3 achievements the EPF experts launched an extensive analysis of the good practices in order to develop an Assessment of Instruments to support innovation and technologies. Consultations were conducted with representatives of institutions aiming to identify the appropriated financial instrument for Bulgaria. Series of team meetings were carried out, different suggestions were analyzed and a final choice was made – a **SEED FUND able** to provide financial support to innovative SMEs at their start-up phase. EPF experts produced, under the methodological guidance of the WP 4 leading organization, an excellent Pre-feasibility Study for a SEED FUND to be implemented in Bulgaria. Meetings with stakeholders were carried out to communicate the Pre-Feasibility Study characteristics and to create the appropriate environment for its implementation. Some research was done to identify findings & structures interested in SEED FUND implementation in Bulgaria. The project team decided to approach the Prime Minister, the Minister of EU Funds and the Minister of Industry, Energy and Tourism in order to solicit the interest for the establishment of such a financial mechanism.

WP5 - EPF experts have made a substantial contribution to the development of a **SEE IP FUND** Feasibility Study, an instrument aiming to stimulate the SEE regional cooperation in the field of patents and licenses. EPF experts elaborated a high quality written contributions and took part in training activities & exchange of experience. They acquired an excellent knowledge and expertise to be transferred to the competent authorities. Project team and LSG members decided on a specific action plan for networking activities in order to introduce the SEE IP Fund model and solicit interest for participation. The project implementation time frame is respected.

WP7 – EPF experts participated in two study visits in Vienna in June and Milano in October dedicated to the following topics:

- Innovation and Innovation support for SMEs in Austria;
- Innovation Support for SMEs in Italy.

EPF experts learned about good practice examples with regards to Innovation support to SMEs and could extend their knowledge and experience.

PLAN4ALL European Network of Best Practices for Interoperability of Spatial Planning Information

financed by the Multiannual Community Programme to make digital content in Europe more accessible, usable and exploitable – *eContentplus*
Project Number 318007

The strategic focus of Plan4all underlines the interest in the support of spatial planning information sharing throughout Europe among different levels of administration and also between administrations, citizens and businesses. It is also evident that some areas within Member States already have the necessary infrastructure for spatial planning SDI and have already responded to new and emerging opportunities. Identification of such areas and the examination of how they use, or can use, spatial planning SDI to drive local change is a necessary and integral part of the work.

Area of action: European level spatial planning

Partners

Partic. No	Participant full name	Participant short name	Country	Role in the project
1	University of West Bohemia	UWB	CZ	coordination, research, standardisation
2	International Society of City and Regional Planners	ISOCARP	NL	evaluation, standardisation, dissemination, analyzing
3	Statutarni mesto Olomouc	OLOMOUC	CZ	content provider, testing, validating
4	Technology Development Forum	TDF	LV	analysing, testing, content provider, validating
5	Help service remote sensing s.r.o.	HSRS	CZ	content provider, technology provider, standardisation
6	Landesbetrieb Geoinformation und Vermessung	LGV Hamburg	DE	content provider, standardisation. testing, validating
7	Stichting EUROGI	EUROGI	NL	evaluation, standardisation, dissemination, analyzing
8	Bauska District Council	Bauska DC	LV	content provider analysing, testing, validating
9	Provincia di Roma	PROVROMA	IT	content provider, analysing, testing, validating
10	Fondazzjoni Temi Zammit	FTZ	MT	content provider, analysing, testing, validating
11	GEORAMA	GEORAMA	GR	content provider, analysing, testing, validating
12	Navarra de Suelo Residencial S.A.	NASURSA	ES	content provider, analysing, testing, validating

Partic. No	Participant full name	Participant short name	Country	Role in the project
13	Hyperborea s.c.	HYPER	IT	standardisation, implementation, validating, testing
14	AYUNTAMIENTO DE GIJON	GIJON	ES	content provider, analysing, testing, validating
15	The National Microelectronics Applications Centre Ltd	MAC	IE	content provider, technology provider, standardisation
16	CEIT ALANOVA gemeinnützige GmbH	CEIT ALANOV A	AT	technology provider, standardisation
17	Asplan Viak Internet as	AVINET	NO	technology provider, standardisation
18	Dipartimento di Studi Urbani - Università degli Studi di Roma Tre	DIPSU	IT	designing, research, standardisation
19	Euro Perspectives Foundation	EPF	BG	content provider, analysing, testing, validating
20	Agentia de Dezvoltare Regionala Nord-Vest	ADR Nord-Vest	RO	content provider, analysing, testing, validating
21	Regione Lazio - Direzione Regionale Territorio e Urbanistica	Lazio	IT	content provider, analysing, testing, validating
22	Help forest s.r.o.	HF	CZ	content provider, testing, technology provider
23	AMFM GIS ITALIA	AMFM	IT	content providing facilitator, analysing, dissemination, validating, capacity builder
24	Ministry of Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and Town and Country Planning	MEEDAT	FR	content provider, analysing, testing, validating

Start: 1 May 2009

End: 31 October 2011

Status: on-going

Team and experts in Bulgaria:

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Overall Objective

To build a network of local, regional and national public bodies, stakeholders, ICT industry, organisations dealing with planning issues and regional development, universities and international organizations to find consensus about harmonization of Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI) for spatial planning according to the INSPIRE Directive (<http://inspire.jrc.ec.europa.eu>) and also to contribute to standardization of related Spatial

Data Themes from the INSPIRE Annexes. The project **Plan4all** (<http://plan4all.eu>) will focus on the harmonisation of spatial planning data based on the existing best practices in EU regions and municipalities & the results of current research projects and will be an open network, which will cooperate also with other organizations, bodies and with related projects.

Specific objectives

- ✓ To implement INSPIRE principles in spatial planning practice (The INSPIRE initiative intends to trigger the creation of a European spatial information infrastructure that delivers integrated spatial information services to the users)..
- ✓ To harmonise and improve interoperability of spatial planning data sets.
- ✓ To increase of network services sharing
- ✓ To facilitate cross border use and data integration.

Target group

Information users & information producers, national & local authorities

Expected results

- ✓ European forums for SDI in spatial planning under umbrella of ISOCARP and EUROGI;
- ✓ Analysis of INSPIRE requirements and capacity building;
- ✓ Analysis of best practices in terms of organisation, collaboration, harmonisation in region;
- ✓ Recommendation for spatial planning SDI in following areas:
 - Spatial Planning Metadata profile;
 - Conceptual Data Model covering following Themes: Land cover, Land use, Utility and Government services, Production and industrial facilities, Agricultural and aquaculture facilities, Area management/restriction/regulation zones and reporting units, Natural risk zones;
 - Encoding schema for previous models;
 - Networking infrastructure design including registry, discovery, view, download, transformation, invoke spatial data, and Geo RM service;
 - Business model;
- ✓ Pilot application of ESDI for Spatial Planning;
- ✓ Four regional workshops organised by EUROGI and ISOCARP;
- ✓ One European conference under the umbrella of EUROGI and ISOCARP.

Main activities

- ✓ To develop a State of the art analysis, focused on identification of leading regional and local administration, identification of innovation challenges and a framework structure for analysing relevant technology developments and trends, analysis of technology and application developments that are relevant to spatial planning SDI needs and on analysis of standard metadata, data models, networking technologies and on analysis of user requirements on planning systems.
- ✓ To design Plan4all metadata profile – a common metadata profile for European Spatial Planning.
- ✓ To define Plan4all data model, focused on national models and their combination and translation into common models covered by selected INSPIRE Themes.

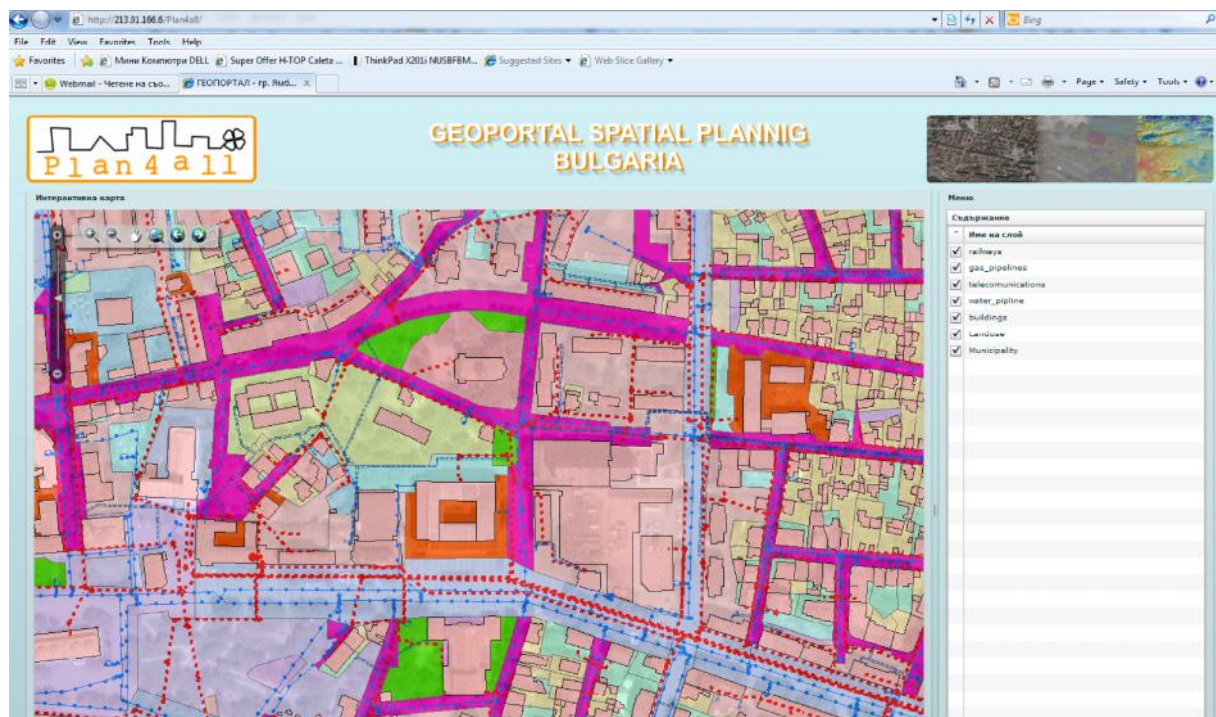
- ✓ To develop networking architecture in order to extend the INSPIRE networking principles for the purpose of European Spatial Planning.
- ✓ To deploy large scale testbed - aims at using existing technologies and services that are already successfully implemented and operating in some regions by the project's technical partners
- ✓ To carry out Content deployment
- ✓ To provide the quality framework for the evaluation of the outputs of Plan4all
- ✓ To carry out dissemination activities, clustering consensus building initiatives and sustainability planning

Implemented in 2010:

During the period, the main efforts were concentrated on the development of the main product of Plan4all project – the so called “Plan4all Geoportall”. This is a complex spatial data infrastructure (platform) for testing, visualizing and sharing geospatial data, developed or designed for spatial planning purposes in Europe. The activities for the period were mainly within the following components C5-Networking Architecture and C6-Large scale testing. Parallel with these activities, the EPF team started the work, related to C7-Content deployment and C8-Validation. The team also paid the necessary attention of the routine activities under C1- Management and C9-Dissemination.

Regarding the described above, the work of EPF team could be summarized as follows:

- The team has developed the National architecture of SDI, which could be accessed through Plan4all webpage www.plan4all.eu, as well as from the address: www.geoportall-bg.com



- This platform became fully operational, but for the moment only testing data is deployed for the municipalities of Yambol and Varna.
- In relation to the platform, three major geoservices were developed and deployed – Catalog service for data discovery (CSW), web mapping service (WMS) web feature service (WFS). For this purpose, the team has used ArcGIS server platform.

- The team has started the work for data harmonization, according to Plan4all standards;
- The project team has presented the project during the AAG annual meeting in Washington, USA (April 2010)
- The EPF has been presented during the project Annual meeting in Vienna (May) as well as at the two project meetings in Rome (February and October).

ARTS&PARKS
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Area of action: valorization of the cultural-historical heritage in protected areas

Partners:

Smolyan Municipality – Rhodope Mountains
 (Umbria Region) - National Park of Monti Sibillini
 (Puglia Region) - National Park of Gargano and the Prehistoric Paglicci Cave
 International Summer School of European Prehistory, Italy
 Municipality of Samothrace, Greece - Rhodope Mountains
 Hydrobiological Institute Ohrid, Macedonia
 Tourist office of Bohinj, Slovenia - planning an Experimental Archaeological Park
 Euro Perspectives Foundation – Natura 2000 site “Vitata stena”, Gabrovo Region

Start: August 2009

End: September 2010

Status: on-going

EPF team:

Violeta Yaneva, Veleslava Abadzhieva, Milena Ignatova

Overall Objective

Raising the awareness of the local population on its historical and cultural heritage and establishing intercultural dialogue via exhibitions, demonstration of experimental archeology; restoration of ancient instruments, ceramics, jewelry, textile, animation including traditional stories following the history of the regions of the project.

Specific objectives:

- Establishing relationships among the local artists, natural specifics and artifacts
- Historical study, including collection of information on the link between human life, its material dimension and nature, as well as folklore analysis of the local community
- Identification of historical facts in the framework of cultural and archeological context and their interpretation via diverse forms of arts. Focus on the messages of each product.
- Presentation of project products to the community in the natural zones of each partner.
- Producing a documentary of the project process and presentation of its the different exhibitions, animations and events.

The itinerant artists have always been part of the cultural heritage of Europe. This project will be a synthesis among the teaching and innovations proposed by young artists on the theme of the history narration. Parks and open spaces are not only good place for sports and walks, but they also save important historical artefacts. They are the living memory. With the help of experimental archaeology young artists will tell the public, invited to the parks, about the culture and every day life of their ancestors by means of practical exhibitions, theatre performances and others. Arts and nature are among the most easy for understanding instrument for introducing young people with different cultural identity and give opportunity for raising historical consciousness among the European citizen.

Implemented in 2010:



In the framework of the project Arts and Parks Euro Perspectives Foundation created tourist animation in 4 parts Through the DEPRITE of Vitata stena. This was based on preliminary study of the available natural, historical and archeological resources in the Natura 2000 protected zone Vitata stena, Gabrovo municipality. This study with its two directions – biodiversity and cultural-historical heritage of the region – allowed us to identify on the one hand side the

protected plant and animal species that could be of interest for the potential visitors, the characteristic for this “natural park” landmarks, e.g. Bilyakovets lake – the highest carst lake in Bulgaria or numerous caves in the rock chain Vitata stena. On the other hand side the study of the history of the region gave us the opportunity to identify some major stages in the development of the settlements in the region and to focus our attention to two of the most important ones as to our opinion in the context of archeology and cultural-historical heritage – creation, growth and decline of the medieval citadel of Vitata stena, built on the remains of antient Thracian village and the period of establishment of the today’s villages around the carst plate Strajata, which is considered to be in 17-18 century.



The tourist animation created on the basis of EPF studies and with the creative participation of the local artists is in fact a thrilling trip through the history, culture and nature of the area. It is divided in conditionally in 4 parts. The first part provides knowledge of facts related to the evolution of the medieval citadel and a trip to its archaeological remains. The second part offers to tourists to get acquainted with the biodiversity of the Natura 2000 site Vitata stena and

to walk to Bilyakovets lake with provides the option to organize a picnic. The third part is presentation of multimedia performance Village that Disappeared over Night. This is a reproduction of a local legend on the establishment of today’s villages around Vitata stena. At the same time it is a story of the local way of living and characters of the local population during Otoman slavery 14-19 centuries, which in the context of the European history is an important and specific period contributing to cultural-historical development of the eastern parts of the continent. The fourth part contains art workshops for work with clay and natural materials. The main idea here is to provide an opportunity to the visitors of the “park” to look at themselves as artists and creators or using the inspiring influence of the nature to incorporate their emotions in art products.

During the Arts and Park project EPF presented the tourist animation (July 2-5, 2010) by organizing a test group of visitors mainly young people who could learn more about the characteristic for the area plant and animal species, to make few trials, to get introduced to the history of the medieval citadel, to paint on the clay pots and to be audience of the premiere of the multimedia performance village that Disappeared over Night. Different parts of the animation were presented by specialists in different areas such as biodiversity and arts. The event was attended by local hotel owners, representatives of Gabrovo authorities as well as inhabitants of the villages of Vitata stena.

In long-term perspective we have the idea to present the tourist animation by young interpreters. In this relation we developed the document Programme of the interpreter for the ecopath Vitata stena and Medieval citadel Vitata stena. A 3-day training (June 5-7, 2010) took place as well. It was attended by the students of the Professional High School on Tourism Pencho Semov, Gabrovo.

The first day of the training included introductory lecture What is interpretation and main techniques of the interpreter. The second day could be attended by those students who declared interest to learn about the Programme of the interpreter and to develop their skills as interpreters for tourist groups. The third day of the training was attended by young people who dared to present their individual approach to work with tourist groups on the basis of what was learned during the first 2 days. Thus the training provided us with the opportunity to assess the capabilities and the potential of the young people from the Professional high school on tourism in Gabrovo who we will use in the future for the practical implementation of the tourist animation Through the DBRITE of Vitata stena.



In September 2010 the multimedia performance The Village that Disappeared over Night was presented also at the Roman citadel Sextaginta Prista in Rouse (16 September, 2010). The performance was in front of an audience of over 200 people and the event was reflected in the local media. Through this initiative EPF managed to make popular the ideas and goals of Arts and Parks outside the region and settlements of Vitata stena. Also this contributed to the achievement of a

longer term cooperation in the area of culture and cultural tourism by creating potential partners for the implementation of similar projects in the future as well as initiatives towards sustainable matching between arts and nature as a powerful instrument for environmental protection and protection of the historical heritage in Europe.

„MiSRaR”
“Mitigating Spatial Relevant Risks in European Regions and Towns”
financed by ERDF via the INTERREG V Programme of the EU

Area of Action: exchange knowledge and experience in the field of mitigating spatial relevant risks

Partners: Lead partner is Safety Region South-Holland South (The Netherlands). The other partners are: Forli, Italy; Aveiro and Mirandela, Portugal; Thesprotia, Greece; Tallin, Estonia; EPF, Bulgaria

Start: November 2009

End: December 2012

Status: on-going

Team and experts in Bulgaria:

Veslava Abadzhieva, Mariya Basheva, Mihaela Stoyanova, Tihomir Nedyalkov, Violeta Yaneva

Objective: It is the objective of this project to learn from the best mitigation processes and each other's experiences during the course of the project.

The objective of the partnership is to learn from each other's experiences related to questions on how spatial relevant risks can be recognized and analyzed and how these processes lead to measures to prevent disasters or reduce the effect of disasters to people, infrastructure and the environment. For example, situating industry and large scale transport infrastructure in close proximity to residential areas leads to all kinds of risks that have to be considered in the planning process. Also flooding, forest fires, earthquakes and landslides are other examples of (natural) risks that should be considered. The specifics of the threats are different in every region and town, but the mitigating processes regarding the analysis and weighing of risks are similar everywhere.

Main Activities:

1. Opening meeting
2. Project Introduction Seminar
3. 16 Thematic Seminars on Hazard Identification, Risk Analysis, Risk Evaluation, Risk Assessment, on protection and action objectives, on mitigation instruments, on setting up a mitigation plan
4. Developing of 4 press releases and 5 newsletters
5. Developing a Thematic Brochure on Risk Assessment and Evaluation
6. Developing a Mitigation Handbook
7. Final press conference

Implemented in 2010:

During 2010 Euro Perspectives Foundation took part in four thematic seminars organized



under the project. The first was in May in Dordrech, Holland and was devoted to hazard identification and the second one was in Aveiro, Portugal, in June, where the partners presented best practices about risk analysis. During the first one it was presented the Operative work of the Regional Crisis Committee for identification, management and coordination of disaster situations, incidents and hazards. The Bulgarian hail suppression system by Analysis of real time meteorological radar information for

suppression of hail-storms was presented on the seminar in Aveiro.

The topic of the seminar held in Tallin on 8 and 9 of September 2010 was “Risk evaluation in the protected zones under NATURA 2000”. The presentation offered to the attention of the foreign partners in Tallinn was called Measures against spatial risks in the protected areas of Nature Park “Bulgarka”. The issues tackled in the best practice were: NATURA 2000 plan for the management of the protected zone, project for protection against landslides and erosion –



including innovative techniques about strengthening landslides, information and education activities. From 26 to 29 of October the fourth seminar for this period was held in Forli, Italy. Two staff members and two external experts were present at the thematic seminar. The central theme of the 4th Thematic Seminar was to summarize all best practices presented in the previous seminars and make conclusions about risk assessment. In order to enable a broad discussion all partners were asked to reflect beforehand on the best practices by means of

a questionnaire and an overview of evaluations. The questionnaire contained 25 questions about the different spheres in which presentations of good practices were delivered.

A press-release was developed to inform the public about the most interesting moments from the visit to Forli-Cesena Province. The press-release was distributed to all local and regional media and published by “100 vesti” newspaper. The first newsletter for the project was produced and send by e-mail to the local stakeholders that took part in the introductory regional seminar in June for presenting the project on local level. Euro Perspectives Foundation also carried out dissemination and communication activities providing input for the web-site of the project and translation into Bulgarian of the home page.

Results achieved in 2010

Component 1

1. Opening seminar in Dordrecht, Holland was conducted on 8 and 9 March 2010
2. Steering Committee meeting conducted on 26 May 2010 in Dordrecht, Holland

Component 2

1. one press-release translated into Bulgarian
2. the project was popularized by means of a newspaper article in Forum newspaper and web-site publications
3. one introduction regional seminar June 7, 2010
4. Information materials prepared and disseminated in the information packages for the local seminar
5. The official web-page of the project was officially launched

Component 3

1. Collecting information, researching, analysing and outlining best practice on hazard identification
2. Preparation for the 4 thematic seminar – filling in best practice template, preparing powerpoint presentation
3. Participation in the thematic seminars on hazard identification and risk analysis, – conducted in May in Dordrech, Holland, June in Aveiro, Portugal, September in Tallin, October in Forli, Italy.

„IMMODI”
Implementing Mo-Di Project
financed by ERDF via the INTERREG V Programme of the EU

Area of Action: Exchange and transfer of best practices in the field of e-government and e-health.

The development of appropriate digital services will help to overcome the isolation or the underdevelopment phenomena. Above all, it improves living standards of mountain citizens.

Partners:

TECLA Association (IT), Region Basilicata (IT), Euro Perspectives Foundation (BG), Institute of Technology (SE), Kainuun Etu (FI), Bautzen Innovation Center (DE), Regional Council of Auvergne (FR), European Association of elected representatives from mountain regions, European Mountain Forum

Start: November 2009

End: December 2011

Status: on-going

Team and experts in Bulgaria:

Veleslava Abadzhieva, Mariya Basheva, Mihaela Stoyanova, Plamen Venkov, Violeta Yaneva

Objective: The project aims at capitalising results and good practices developed by the partners in the field of e-government and e-health, which strongly contribute to the development of mountain and rural territories. Selected practices will be presented at various technical and regional workshops, detailed in a published guide and discussed with Managing Authorities in order to transfer them to regional program of each partner region.

Main Activities:

1. Start up conference
2. Organization of 4 e-government Forums
3. Organization of 2 Technical Workshops
4. Organization of 1 Political meeting at regional level
5. 3 Common Political meetings with Deep delegations
6. Publication of a cutting-edge guide on good practices
7. Developing and printing of press articles and newsletters
8. Developing an Action Plan

Implemented in 2010:

Component 1

1. Establishing a local team for management
2. Participation of 2 representatives of EPF in the Steering Committee meeting conducted in March 2010 in Potenza, Italy
3. Participation in the discussions about Rules of procedure for the SC, Monitoring and evaluation guidelines and the road map of the project and their final approval
4. Participation in the Steering Committee meeting in October 2010 in Karlskrona, Sweden

Component 2



1. Participation of 2 EPF representatives to the public launch conference carried out in Potenz in March 2010
2. Participation in the selection of the project logo, input provision for the project web-site
3. Developing and publishing of 2 newspaper articles in the regional newspaper Forum.
4. Translation of a promotional brochure in Bulgarian language, printing and disseminating it
5. Translation of 2 e-newsletters and sending them to local stakeholders
6. Translation of the list with foreign best practices for e-government and e-health

Component 3

1. Identifying BPs for e-government and e-health – for export, describing, sharing with the partners
2. Developing best practices about e-government- ONLINE help and ACSTRE software according to the template provided by the Lead Partner.
3. Conducting a regional technical workshop on e-government in May 2010
4. Conducting a regional technical workshop on e-health in June 2010
5. 3 Best practices identified for import
6. 2 Best practices developed and presented to partners for export
7. Participation in two e-gov Forums in Karlskrona, Sweden in October and Bautzen, Germany in November. Developing and presenting BPs from Bulgaria.
8. 100 people questioned about their interest for transfer of BP - The interest and commitment of stakeholders for transfer of BP researched and tested by means of a questionnaire

**SDI - EDU for regional and urban planning,
Financed by the EU Lifelong Learning Programme – Leonardo da Vinci.
CZ/09/LLP-LdV/TOI/134010**

Area of action: education for regional and urban planning with the support of Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI) – new and wider definition for Geographic Information Systems, including also the network technologies and ways of use of geographical data and information via Internet.

Partners from: Czech Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Italy, Bulgaria, Greece

Start: October 2009

End: October 2011

Status: on-going

Team and experts in Bulgaria:

Steliyan Dimitrov, Kliment Naidenov, Veleslava Abadzhieva, Violeta Yaneva, Georgi Mihailov

Overall Objective

SDI-EDU will develop training environment supporting spatial planners and architects in utilisation of Spatial Data Infrastructure. The training environment produced will demonstrate the utility of our approach for developing educational programmes that will increase understanding of SDI building on local and regional level and the tools used to make decisions that affect regional development. The defined content will stress awareness of environmental, economic, and social factors. As recognized by the SDI, this increased understanding will allow more informed and equitable planning.

The general objective of SDI-EDU is to adapt SDI by planners by improving knowledge about all aspects technological, data, political, legislation, but also business objective.

The SDI-EDU project will focus on building an interoperable Internet training architecture, where users will not only use training materials, texts, but also access and visualise much of the spatial data.

Deliverables and outcomes

According to the objectives of the project, there are two main outcomes. The first one will be the establishment of innovative internet based platform (webportal) for vocational training and eLearning to preset group of final beneficiaries interested in the field of regional, spatial and urban planning, GIS technologies, etc.

The platform will include components for

- Video lecturing
- URM implementation
- Tools for mobile learning
- Metadata with regional specific information
- Catalogue
- Gehosting

The second part of the SDI-EDU solution will be focused on practical education, which will share outputs from past or previous European projects like HUMBOLDT or NaturNet Redime. Its content will be represented by multimedia and geographical data, studies, and simulations that demonstrate some of the applications of planning and sustainable development. Here the aim will be to extend from knowledge at the global scale to detailed, local-scale information demonstrating aspects of planning at the level of different municipalities.

All learning materials of the project will be available via the SDI-EDU web portal, where users will find appropriate learning objects to lead them through the training process. Interaction with end users throughout the project will provide feedback to the project partners to ensure that the tools are optimized.

Main activities

The project implementation process will be divided into 7 workpackages (WPs)

- WP1 - Analysis of needs and requirements
- WP2 - Training environment design and implementation
- WP3 - Curriculum preparing
- WP4 - Practical training and validation of platform
- WP5 - Dissemination
- WP6 - Exploitation
- WP7 - Management

Implemented in 2010



- Regional workshop in Sofia on 27-28.01.2011 attended by 28 participants including National Assembly, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works and Sofia University students
- SDI-EDU is presented at the International conference “Global Changes and Regional Development”, Sofia, 16-17.04.2010
- EPF staff members attended the workshop, held in Latvia (Shauli) 29-30.03.2010.
- SDI-EDU was presented by EPF at the Regional meeting of the Regional Development council of Plovdiv district, 11.06.2010
- The project was presented in Yambol at National Conference – GIS for local government, 22.07.2010
- EPF members participated in the Annual workshop, held in Greece (Selianitika) 26-27.08.2010.
- SDI-EDU was presented at the 8th National Conference ‘Geography and Regional Development’, Sozopol, 23-25.09.2010. The SDI-EDU presentation is part of the conference publication.
- 3 EPF representatives participated in the workshop, held in the Czech Republic (Pilsen) 01-02.11.2010.

In 2010 the project brochure and the related educational materials were created and translated into Bulgarian language.

**Development of a University laboratory complex for promotion of
renewable energy technologies in Bulgaria**
**Financed by the National Scientific Fund, Ministry of Education and
Science**
DRNF 02/4

Area of action: promotion of energy efficiency and RES

Partners:

Lead partner: Applied research sector of the Sofia University
Foundation „Institute for Technologies and Development”
Euro Perspectives Foundation

Start: December 2009

End: December 2011

Status: on-going

EPF team:

Veleslava Abadzhieva, Zlatina Karova, Georgi Mihailov

Overall Objective

The goal of the project is to develop scientific infrastructure which will further accelerate the progress of photovoltaic research in Bulgaria. The already high quality of research in the field of renewable energy sources (RES) and the vast academic potential of Sofia University provide profound base for the development of the project. Keeping in mind the European Union position that the RES will be the energy sources of the future, the scientific team is greatly motivated to make the Bulgarian scientific and educational community part of this future.

Specific Objectives:

1. Development of scientific infrastructure in the field of voltaics for high quality research and collecting and analyzing experimental data for the exploitation characteristics of photovoltaic panels.
2. Development of educational infrastructure ensuring high quality of education and contemporary research environment for undergraduate and graduate students
3. Development of an educational structure aiming to transfer technologies and knowledge and cultivate entrepreneurship in Sofia University students in all degree programs with connection to the field of research.

Main activities

- 6 experimental photovoltaic small-scale power sources equipped with all the necessary for scientific research measuring and diagnostics equipment
- Laboratory for applied scientific research of photovoltaic modules
- Center for high-tech entrepreneurship in the field of RES

Sofia University is responsible for the following activities:

Activity 1 - Project Management

Activity 2 - Preparation for construction of photovoltaic installations

Activity 3 - Construction and assembly works.

Activity 4 - Develop an information measurement system (IMS)

Activity 5 - Building a learning University lab to the Chemical Faculty of Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski”.

Activity 6 - Construction of University lab technology center in the RES of the Technology Transfer Office (TTO) of Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski”. Integrating micro power plants, school University lab technology center in the field of RES in IMS for research and educational purposes and conducting training Practical exercises

Activity 7 - Survey of foreign experience, training of young scientists and administration of photovoltaikata in the learning process of the Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski”.

Activity 8 - Promotional activity and involvement in national and international networks support of photovoltaic

In this project the Euro Perspectives Foundation will have specific role in Action 7 "Study of foreign experience, training young scientists and administration of the educational process in photovoltaic of Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski” and partly in Action 8 "Promotion Activity and involvement in national and international networks in support of photovoltaic”.

Expected results:

- Establishing a team and successfully completed and reported project activities;
- audit the solar energy potential, using equipment purchased, and other measurements made.
- Established 6 micro power plants test with a total capacity 30KWp, each with power micro power plants 5KWp and is built on the individual technology.
- Extraction of over 30 000 KWh of electricity per year
- Established University lab Center for Technological Entrepreneurship in the field of renewable energy sources
- Functioning IMS, integrating performance data for each tested technology.
- Specialized website, which supports information and data from comparative analysis of the six technologies.
- Studied and analyzed foreign experience in University lab testing of technologies for renewable
- Complemented teaching of practical subjects: Ekochemistry , Solar Energy, Green Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Physical Chemistry with real opportunities for testing and case studies with complete information and data management.
- A round table on renewable technologies and 1 Conference / Day of the Entrepreneur / promotion on the results of testing and trials and maintain a subscription to the international network.
- Established technology center into the field of renewable energy sources ensuring sustainability of project results and contributing to the maintenance and test operation of the existing research infrastructure and its contribution to the learning process.

Euro Perspectives Foundation role under this project is to contribute partially to Activity 7 “Study of the international experience, training of young scientists and application of PV in the educational process of the Sofia University” and to Activity 8 “Information dissemination activities”. During 2010 EPF prepared a leaflet on the project and disseminated it widely including at the Plovdiv Trade Fair. The Foundation with the support of an external expert prepared ToR for a Communication system for measuring the parameters of a PV system and establishment of a database, which was provided to the Scientific Centre of the University. At the end of the year EPF sub-contracted Study of the experience in the field of education for energy efficiency and renewable energy sources for the purpose of integration into the educational process in the Applied research sector of the Sofia University.

EURO PERSPECTIVES FOUNDATION FINANCIAL REPORT 2010
 PERIOD: 01.01.2010 - 31.12.2010
 PRODUCED ON THE BASIS OF AUDITED BALANCE SHEET AND REPORT ON INCOMES AND COSTS
 FOR 2010

	thousand leva
Financial means by 01.01.2010 r. in thousand leva	12
Received financing during 2010 in thousand leva	192
Received donations in 2010 in thousand leva	130
Received in 2009 finances from loans, including bank interests, exchange rate differences and others in thousand leva	129
TOTAL FINANCES	463

Expenses in 2009 in thousand leva	thousand leva
Salaries	115
Social payments	16
External services, including expertise and accounting	191
Materials	1
Other services, including travel and accommodation	71
Bank expenses, interests and exchange rate differences	4
Returned loans	57
TOTAL EXPENSES	455

Finances by 31.12.2010 in thousand leva	8
Assets by 31.12.2010 in thousand leva	1