



Streetlight-EPC

EVENT DESCRIPTION

Project Partner: Macedonian Center for Energy Efficiency (MACEF) and the City of Skopje

Title of the event: "Street lighting – Acquired knowledge and results"

Date & location: 04.10.2016, City Council Hall

Organiser(s): City of Skopje and MACEF

Number of Participants: 45 + 5 representatives from the press

Summary

The event "Street lighting – Acquired knowledge and results" aimed at presenting all results realised so far in the context of the Streetlight-EPC project. The event was attended by several private companies that work in the field of street lighting and promote LED technology and smart systems for indoor lighting. Municipal representatives as well as financial institution also took part in the meeting.

Objectives & main programme points

The event served to officially present the project results to relevant target groups: municipalities, private companies and financial institutions. The mayor of the city of Skopje opened the meeting with a presentation that pointed out the city's efforts in integrating LED technology in street lighting. Representatives from the private sector presented possible LED solutions for indoor and outdoor lighting combined with smart systems and the positive results that can be achieved. The last presentation aimed to increase awareness of the most common flaws in tendering street lighting projects. This presentation was repeated on request from municipal representative and private companies.

Conclusions & lessons learnt

At the end of the event, there was a fruitful discussion on different options for implementing streetlight refurbishment projects. All agreed that investments in this field are currently very low as a result of a lack of interest in mutual cooperation between all target groups. In addition, the municipalities' investment potential for the refurbishment of their street lighting is limited to the level of revenue collected from the fee paid by citizens for the street lighting service. There isn't any additional rebalancing of municipal budgets for investments in the street lighting sector. Finally, the lack of data and human resources in most of the municipalities also presents a challenge for undertaking such projects.

