



EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	Union of Bulgarian Black Sea Local Authorities (UBBSLA)
PIC number:	969558457
Project name and acronym:	IoCaL Authorlties for a gReener Europe - CLAIRE

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	5th		
Event name:	CLAIRE MEETING AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE “SUSTAINABLE ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY BY HOUSEHOLDS”		
Type:	MEETING/CONFERENCE		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Varna, Bulgaria		
Date(s):	14-16.05.2024		
Website(s) (if any):			
Participants			
Female:	67		
Male:	16		
Non-binary:	n/a		
From country 1 SPAIN:	4		
From country 2 PORTUGAL:	2		
From country 3 BULGARIA:	71		
From country 4 ROMANIA:	1		
From country 5 ITALY:	5		
Total number of participants:	83	From total number of countries:	5
Description			
Provide a short description of the event and its activities.			

During the period 14-16.05.2024, the Union of Bulgarian Black Sea Local Authorities (UBBSLA) hosted the 5th Claire meeting and International conference “Sustainable energy consumption and use of renewable energy by households” in Varna, Bulgaria.

The event attracted over 80 representatives of local authorities, civil servants and experts from Italy, Spain, Portugal, Romania and Bulgaria. During the two-days event, focused on sustainable energy consumption and the use of renewable energy by households and the role of local authorities, the international participants had the opportunity to personally visit two of the member municipalities of UBBSLA, Aksakovo Municipality and Beloslav Municipality, to learn about good practices and projects initiated and implemented with the support of local authorities there in the field of energy efficiency, electromobility, prevention and recycling of household waste, etc. During the conference participating project partners managed to meet in person with municipal legal representatives and experts from the Municipality of Beloslav and Aksakovo.

On the last day of the international event, project partners visited one of the largest and well-developed holiday complexes in the country, located on the northern Black Sea coast – resort Albena and got acquainted on the spot with the implemented sustainable practices and initiatives to minimize the impact on the environment in the tourism sector. During the study visit in Albena, the international guests were impressed by the overall approach that the Bulgarian resort applies and thus demonstrates its commitment to responsible development and environmental protection. As a model for other tourist destinations, the resort shows that sustainable tourism can be both profitable and environmentally friendly.

The purpose of the international conference, organized by UBBSLA, was not only to share good initiatives, but also to show the commitment and role of the local authorities in the process of including the citizens and tourists who visited our country in environmental protection initiatives. This is precisely the understanding of the CLAIRE project, that the implementation of the Green Deal for environmental protection and sustainable development requires the participation of all EU member states, as well as cooperation between the public and private sectors. The 5th CLAIRE event was a good opportunity for project partners to continue developing their relationships for further initiatives in the field, also to shares mutual learning from local experience.

List of evidence documents:

- Participants list, signed by all attendees
- Pictures
- Internet/social media posts, press-releases, articles
- Presentations
- Certificates of participation

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).