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1. Workshop structure - outcomes

The Workshop took place in Athens in the 26 February 2015 at a central Athens Hotel from 9:30 to 17:00. It was attended by appr. 110 stakeholders (energy inspectors, engineers, suppliers, market operators, property owners, representatives of local authorities, students, etc.). Through the three sections of the workshop the following were presented:

- The objectives of the Request2Action project, its structure and the actions that will take place in Greece.
- Useful data and information regarding the evolution of Energy Performance Certificates in the energy efficiency of buildings, their annual distribution, the reason of their issue, the percentage distribution of energy class of buildings to date, etc.
- o The latest legislative framework for energy efficiency in buildings.
- Market trends by participating representatives of associations related to building energy renovation, prospects for new technologies, and existing problems of each association separately, the renovation of houses and generally buildings.
- Examples of good practices in energy housing renovation and pilot projects at local level (i.e. the Green Neighborhood in St. Barbara - Athens, the renovation of the student halls of the University of Thrace in Komotini).
- Voluntary initiatives, such as the Covenant of Mayors, that take place at local level to promote energy savings and ensure proper implementation of the EPCs measures.

At the final part of the Workshop, a round table was organized, which comprised all interested parts (state officials, market actors, energy consultants, homeowners) and a fruitful discussion took place. The importance of the EPCs suggestions was highlighted, and the means to proceed with the realization of energy renovation solutions were discussed.

The main outcomes from the round table can be summarized below.

 The EPCs are an important tool and their role (energy recommendations) is widely accepted (manufacturers, suppliers, owners).



- The EPCs and their suggestions must be further explained and the people must become familiarized with the energy renovation solutions and their impact.
- o There is a satisfaction up to date towards the recommendations from the EPCs.
- The financing of the EPCs recommendations is an important issue: the associations suggested there should be more incentives to go through energy renovation actions however state officials mentioned that the energy renovation in dwellings should be carried out by private resources.
- There is need for market surveillance and checks of the assurance of good installation of the renovation measures.
- Continuous training on energy efficiency techniques is needed including the latest building products and energy trends.
- Motivation is important to proceed with energy renovation measures, through i.e. tax exemption.

CRES objective is to gather all information stated in the workshop, filter it, and take it into account during the preparation of the structure and information provided in the Hub. Also CRES will get information regarding the energy efficient solutions from the associations actively involved with the support of the HUB and will try to attract all possible associations related with building energy efficient products.

More specifically, engaged associations-energy auditors-stakeholders will benefit from the use of the HUB by promoting their products and services. They will also provide consultive services to homeowners in the blog area which will be under CRES's auspices.

2. Workshop Questionnaire

During the Workshop, a questionnaire was circulated which comprised questions regarding the topic, the interest in energy efficiency and the potential to contribute in future R2A actions. It was completed by 44 participants and the analysis of the answers is presented below. The questions the participants were asked to answer are the following (the template of the questionnaire can found in the Annex – in Greek):

- How do you characterize the organization of the workshop?
- Do you believe there was sufficient coverage in the points covered?
- How satisfied / are you with the presentations of the speakers?
- Did you get information that you could use in the future?
- How understandable was the information you got from the workshop?



- How likely is it to use the information you got from the workshop?
- Would you be interested to participate in future actions of the European project Request2Action (Greek HUB, dissemination of good practice on the energy performance of buildings)?
- Report issues which in your opinion would be worth / you be interested to be referred to in the next workshop
- How were you informed about the workshop?

The analysis of the completed questionnaires led to the following information.

Organization of the workshop

The great majority of participants characterized the organization of the workshop excellent and very good (77%), and a 23% as good (Figure 1).

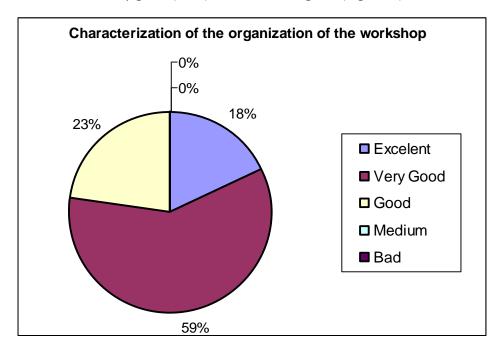


Figure 1. Organization of the workshop.

Sufficient coverage in the subject of the workshop

The subject of the workshop was sufficiently covered for 93% of the responders (figure 2).



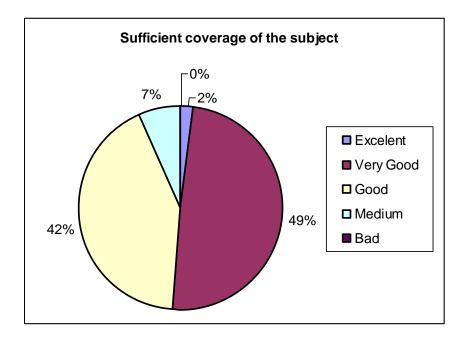


Figure 2. Sufficient coverage in the subject.

Useful information in the future

A 77% of the participants found the information from the workshop useful for a future energy renovation of their house.

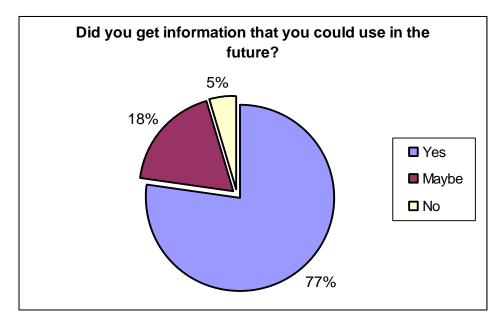


Figure 3. Usefulness of the workshop information.

Understandable information

The information presented in the workshop was quite understood by the 62% of the responders, and a 36% found it understandable (Figure 4).



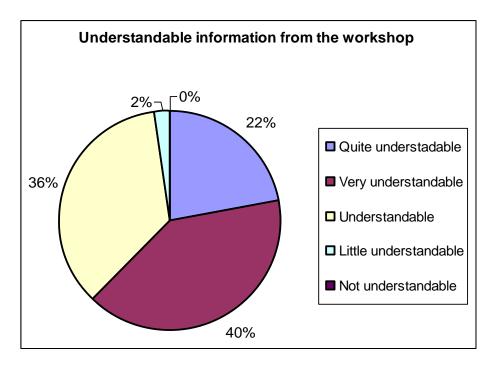


Figure 4. Ease of understanding of the presented material.

Likelihood to follow information

The question "How likely is it to use the information you got from the workshop?" was answered by 51% that it is almost certain, by 40% that it is likely and by 9% less likely.

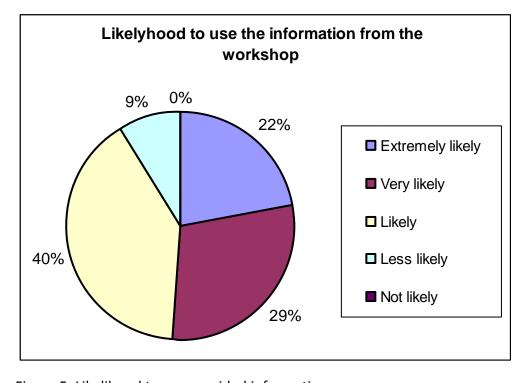


Figure 5. Likelihood to use provided information.



Interest in participation in future Request2Action actions

A 60% of the responders answered that they "would you be interested to participate in future actions of the European project Request2Action (Greek HUB, dissemination of good practice on the energy performance of buildings)", a 35% answered that it is probable, and only 5% were not minded in participating (figure 6).

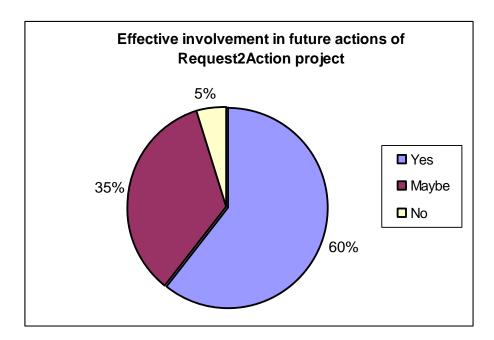


Figure 6. Active involvement tendency.

Issues of interest

There was great scatter regarding the issues in the responders' opinion that should be dealt with in future R2A activities. The issues "Good examples of energy renovated buildings: and "New energy efficient products for buildings" were slightly more suggested but many other aspects have also been proposed (figure 7).



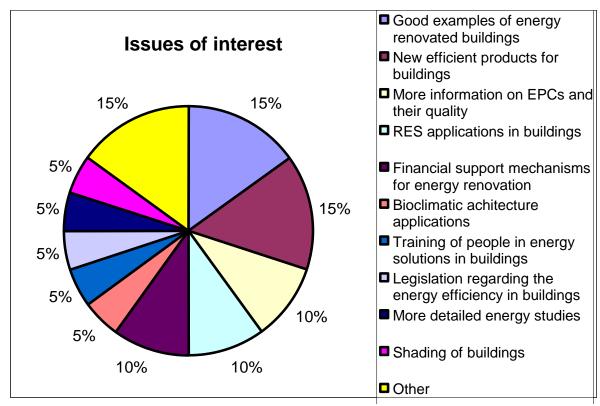


Figure 7. Issues of interest.

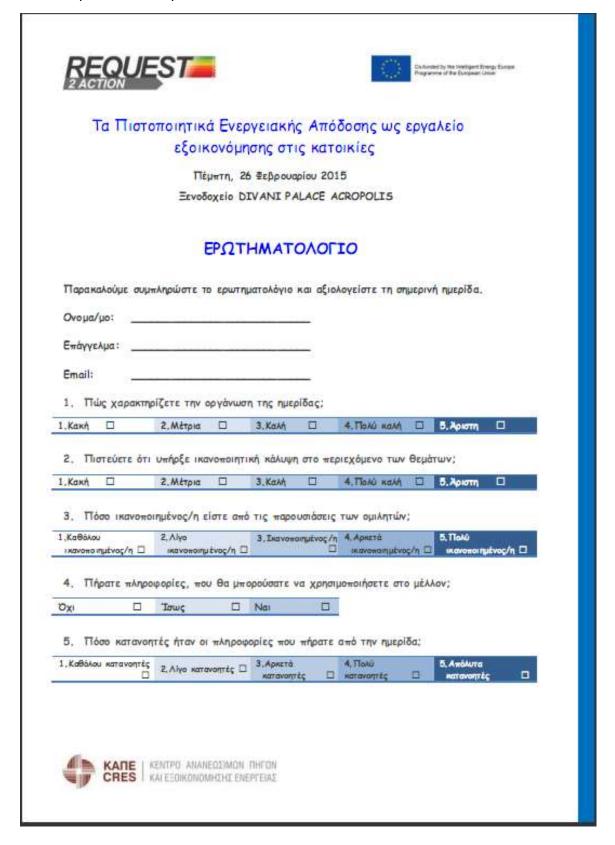
Finally, the responders stated that they were informed about the workshop mainly through the internet (83%), followed by 15% from their office announcements, and a 3% from the press.



ANNEX. Workshop Questionnaire



Workshop distributed questionnaire.





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