

Press release

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10th International Conference for European Energy Managers

The 10th EUREM Conference for European EnergyManagers took place within the framework of a virtual event due to Corona restrictions. It was originally planned as a presence meeting in Athens, Greece, and was organized virtually from there. The transmission of the two-day online event took place from 30th September to 1st October and has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme.

The Conference is a key element of the EU funded project "EUREMnext – Taking European Energy Manager to next efficiency levels by implementing energy audit recommendations", launched on the 1st of March 2018 and coordinated by the Nuremberg Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Germany. 13 partners out of 12 countries are behind the project EUREMnext. The aim of this project is the extension of the established Energy Manager training programme to six additional European countries. The training offers through practical projects the implementation of energy efficiency measures and a perfect preparation for the introduction of the energy management system (e.g. ISO 50001) or for energy audits (e.g. EN 16247).

The German Hellenic Chamber of Industry and Commerce in Greece was the conference organiser for the first time. More than 400 registered participants from 34 countries across the globe, particularly from the European Union, wanted to share and to extend their knowledge to renewables and to energy efficiency issues. The conference was broadcasted simultaneously in German, English and Greek language.

The first conference day has started with the opening speeches of Professor Athanasios Kelemis (Managing Director, German Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Thessaloniki, Greece) and Dr. Spyros Economou (President & General Director, Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving (CRESS), Athens). The opening speech to EUREM was delivered by Dr. Robert Schmidt (EUREM speaker & Head of EUREM Steering Committee and Head of Innovation & Environmental Affairs Division at the Nuremberg Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Germany). He emphasized the unique training concept developed within the two last decades. More than 6,000 European Energy Managers in more than 30 countries have passed the training successfully with the support of 70 training providers and 800 trainers globally. The training's evolution is consequently ongoing.

The aim of the conference was to bring together leading experts, experienced practioners, alumnis of the EUREM trainings and interested parties to swap ideas about implementing new energy-saving projects by also expanding the worldwide network. The conference was structured into five workshops with topics like Energy Management & Energy Audits, Renewables in Business, Air Conditioning & Cooling, Compressed Air, Digitalization and Energy.

A total of 15 different projects were presented by speakers out of 10 countries, which not only gave the participants an intensive practical insight into various industries, but also gave them an overview from the perspective of an energy auditor.

The focus was on actual findings in the field supported by already implemented projects like room cooling system optimization, installation of photovoltaic power plant, LED-applications, compressed air in food production and new trends in CO₂ technology.

Alexandra Sdoukou (General Secretary for Energy and Natural Resources, Greek Ministry of Environment and Energy, Athens) and Dr. Vincent Berrutto (Head of Energy Unit, The Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME), European Commission, Brussels) have reported about "Europe in the New Green Deal Era".

The highlight was the EUREM AWARD ceremony presented by Stefan Schmidt (Managing Director of EUREM International GmbH, Nuremberg). The EUREMnext Awards were awarded to EnergyManagers in Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Estonia, Latvia and Serbia. For the ninth time the international EUREM award was delivered to the best energy saving project out of 15 countries in large (Anida Kusur, Slovenia), medium (Maria Elena Hernandez Narza, Chile) and small enterprises (Tönis Kruzmann, Estonia).

The second conference day ended with closing remarks of Dr. Stephan Schwarzer (Deputy Speaker EUREM Providers Consortium, Vienna, Austria) and the wish to be able to host the next conference physically again.

To find out more about the EUREMnext EU-funded project, feel free to visit our website at www.energymanager.eu



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