



First Stakeholder Working Group meeting

Overview	
Date	23.01.2020
Location	Strumica
Aim of the event	The aim of the meeting was to officially form the Stakeholder Working Group (SWG), give an overview of the BE-Rural project, and its past and future activities in the next six months.

Short summary

The meeting was organised by SDEWES-Skopje in coordination with the members of the SWG, and especially with the stakeholders from the Municipality of Strumica where the meeting happened. The meeting elaborated on the process of engagement of the stakeholders. Two representatives from each of the municipalities (Strumica, Vasilevo, Bosilovo and Novo Selo) were invited to participate in the first SWG meeting.

First, an introduction about BE-Rural was given, providing details about the project goals and tasks. Then, a discussion took place about the half-day knowledge exchange and capacity building seminar for the public sector planned in the second half of March 2020. The seminar would give an introduction to the BE-Rural project and its goals, as well as an overview of possible technology and business models. The second seminar for knowledge exchange and capacity building for public sector would most likely be happening in the second half of April in one of the other municipalities in the Strumica region. Overall, the duration and organisation of the seminar would be the same. The content of this second seminar would focus more on the Strumica region though – and more specifically on the potential, barriers and opportunities to develop the bioeconomy in the region. The webinar, summer school and mid-term conference were also mentioned as upcoming events, which will be planned after the SWG has suggested a list of experts and teachers for each of the events.

All the materials, presentations, and the moderation were provided by SDEWES-Skopje. The SWG was responsible for securing the meeting location, suggesting SDEWES-Skopje participants to officially invite, and ensuring technical and logistic support for whoever from the stakeholder database.

The SWG committed to updating the stakeholder database by the following week and to providing us with a list of relevant media outlets willing to publish our events. The next meeting was scheduled for July. Until then, exchanges of e-mails and ad-hoc meetings can take place, depending on the needs.

Participants

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