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INTELLIGENT ENERGY DAY IN KAUNAS CITY MUNICIPALITY - MODEL PILOT CITY

There were plenty of events on September 2008 in Kaunas. The first Kaunas city municipality Intelligent Energy Day within MODEL project, as well as Car Free Day "In town without a car" were launched during European Mobility Week. All events were organized by Kaunas regional energy agency with technical and financial support of Environmental Protection Department and Energy Department of Kaunas city municipality and Kaunas A. Žikevičiaus Safe Child School as well. The actions took place inside the municipality and outside – in the main pedestrian street - Laisvės al.



The main events took place on 19th September. The organizers decided to carry out a survey on impact of the invitation for public not to use own car. In order to compare the results, the survey of municipal staff working in main building has been carried out in two different days – on 19th September and on 22nd September, within Car Free Day "In town without a car". Those, who arrived by car had to choose the white slip of paper, and those who used modes of travel other than a car – the green ones. The results of survey showed that at "Car free day" 74 % (!) of 96 respondents used other modes of travel than a car compared with 55 % accordingly at "ordinary" day (116 respondents).

At the opening ceremony, the Deputy Mayor of Kaunas, Mr. Kazimieras Kuzminskas welcomed citizens and city's guests and invited them to participate in the actions. The most active 7 teachers working in the field of non motorized vehicles drivers' safety training were awarded special prizes and diplomas.

MIED public seminar related to issues of buildings renovation, use of RES and energy efficiency measures took place in the Sessions Hall of Kaunas City municipality. The presentations were made by professors of Kaunas University of Technology and by representatives of companies working in these fields. Dr. J.Karbauskaite presented the technical possibilities and tools for buildings' renovation, also the expected results;



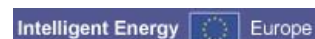
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Mr. R. Slekyš reviewed the possibilities and methods of heat insulation of the different building envelopes, gave the recommendations and possible savings; possibilities on heat pumps use in residential houses, technical aspects of selection were presented by Dr. E. Puidė; Dr. V. Suksteris presented examples of solar collectors use, their connection methods and technical and economic indicators; Dr. K. Buinevičius introduced to different modes of modern domestic boilers (gas-fired, solid fuel burning, condensation boilers), characteristics of different types of fuel, ways of effective use of fuel; the small scale wind, cogeneration, hydro power plants and their development possibilities in Lithuania were presented by Dr. M. Krakauskas. In the foyer of municipality there was organized the poster exhibition on products of RES and RUE of companies: UAB "Terma" (solar collectors), UAB "Riminga" (plastic windows), UAB "Ekorema" (buildings' insulation materials), and UAB "Geoterminis šildymas" (heat pumps). More than 40 citizen and city' guests, journalists of news media and local TV "INIT" participated in this seminar and the discussions. The representatives of other MODEL Lithuanian pilot cities- Alytus, Birštonas and Prienai - were invited and participated as well.

The bicycle figure driving competition took place opposite Municipality - in the square near Kaunas State Musical Theatre. All participants according to age were divided into 3 groups: 7-9 years, 10-15 years and adult group. The winners and prizemen were awarded by diplomas of Kaunas City Municipality and the gift coupons (for new bicycles) of Bicycle shop.



Everyone who was interested could test their driving style with the Eco – driving simulator software programme.

RENAULT Espace with modified electric battery engine and the electrically-powered tricycle constructed by the enthusiast group managed by Dr. M. Starevičius evoked a lively public interest.



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