

Execution of Information & Awareness Raising Campaign by PB5

On 17.07.2020, in the Conference Hall of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry - Blagoevgrad, an information meeting was held, which marked the beginning of the Information Campaign of Project WRESTLE. Representatives of the local authorities, branch and non-governmental organizations, farmers and their associations, were invited to the meeting. A presentation of the sustainable use of water resources and building responsible behavior towards them was made in front of them.

The participants were welcomed by the Chairman of the NGO "Southwestern Public Information Center", Mr. Krassimir Tsvetanov, after which the project aims were briefly presented. Dr. Miroslav Ivanov from the South-West University "Neofit Rilski" made a presentation over the sustainable use of water resources and building responsible behavior towards them. A discussion followed, during which opinions and comments were heard, as well as some recommendations from representatives of the various stakeholders.



On October 19, 2020, an information meeting with young people was held at the “Academic Lyudmil Stoyanov” Foreign Languages Highschool, part of the information campaign of Project WRESTLE. A presentation of the sustainable use of water resources and building responsible behavior towards them was presented to the students, as well as a brief presentation of the aims and objectives of the project. An additional effect of the presentation of the project among young people was to support educational institutions in educating socially engaged behavior in terms of care for nature and in particular water resources. After that, a discussion was held, at which questions were asked and opinions expressed by the participants. During the discussion, the students discussed about their experience in environmental protection and in particular water resources, based on various campaigns that were conducted in municipality of Blagoevgrad and in which they took part or received additional information. The campaign among the youth (students) aimed to provoke various issues regarding both the protection of water resources and the way we treat the consumption of goods and services that carry "Water Footprint".

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The final information meeting, which marked the end of the Information Campaign of project WRESTLE was held on November 9, 2020 in "Para" Hall in Business Center-Blagoevgrad. Representatives of the local community from the Municipality of Blagoevgrad were invited to the meeting. The meeting started with a brief presentation of the aims and goals of the project by the Chairman of the NGO "Southwestern Public Information Center", Mr. Krassimir Tsvetanov. During the presentation of the project, Mr. Krassimir Tsvetanov focused on the remote metering of water consumption for drinking and household needs, which will allow consumers to more accurate control and monitoring and last but not least for innovative methods that are used in this direction.

After that, a presentation was given related to the sustainable use of water resources and building responsible behavior towards them by Dr. Miroslav Ivanov from Southwestern University "Neofit Rilski". The citizens had the opportunity to get acquainted with the latest introductions and innovations in the field of water management, as well as the opportunities and facilities they provide through Internet of Things (IoT) systems and others. The representatives of the local community had the opportunity to ask questions and express opinions, recommendations and comments to support and direct efforts to the optimal introduction of improvements in the water supply system of the municipality.

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On 01.12.2020 in Blagoevgrad, began the first part of the construction of the Water Resources Monitoring System in Blagoevgrad Municipality, together with "Water Supply and Sewerage" Ltd. - Blagoevgrad as part of a Joint System for Water Resources Management. The implementation of the system is set for two stages: installation of equipment and development of software applications for early notification and monitoring of water consumption, in order to ensure better resource efficiency and faster localization of leaks and losses in the water supply network. The transmission of data and information on water consumption will be carried out through additionally installed to the equipment remote reading loggers, which will transmit the information. The primary and processed information will be directed to the Joint Water Resources Management System, which is being built as a main result of Project WRESTLE and is located on the territory of the Municipal Enterprise Water Supply and Sewerage – Alexandroupoli, while the data will also be addressed to the interested parties - operators of water supply and sewerage services. Additional software products will allow end customers to access consumption information and control water consumption. A specific goal of the project is to build responsible behavior of citizens and organizations in the Municipality of Blagoevgrad regarding the use of water resources.

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On 05.08.2020 in the Hall "October 5" of the Municipality of Kresna was held an information meeting, part of an information campaign with representatives of local authorities, farmers and their associations, industry and non-governmental organizations, as well as the local community related to Project WRESTLE. The purpose of the meeting was to inform all citizens of the Municipality, representatives of local authorities, farmers and their associations, industry and non-governmental organizations for the implementation of project activities and to stimulate sustainable use and responsible behavior to protect water resources in the Municipality of Kresna. The participants were greeted by Mr. Petar Petrov, Deputy Mayor of Kresna Municipality, after which the goals and essence of the project were briefly presented. Dr. Ivanov from the Center for Natural and Social Research gave a presentation related to the sustainable use of water resources and building responsible behavior towards them. This was followed by a discussion where opinions and comments were heard, as well as some recommendations from representatives of various stakeholders and the local community.



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In Hall "October 5" in Kresna Municipality, on 16.10.2020, was held an information meeting with young people, part of an information campaign of Project WRESTLE. The purpose of the meeting was to acquaint young people from the Municipality of Kresna with the importance and need for sustainable use and responsible behavior towards the protection of water resources in the Municipality of Kresna. The participants, students from the local school, were greeted by Mr. Petar Petrov, Deputy Mayor of Kresna Municipality. After which the goals and aims of the project were briefly presented. Dr. Ivanov from the Center for Natural and Social Research gave a presentation related to the sustainable use of water resources and building responsible behavior towards them. The students were acquainted with the principle of the "Water Footprint" and how they can calculate their own footprint on the natural resources, like water. Participants then had the opportunity to ask questions and express opinions and comments.



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