

Press Release



RE-GREEN Project Launched in Lisbon

RE-GREEN – a new European project that seeks to find local solutions to the global problem of climate change – launched on the 28 February with a grand opening seminar in the Museu do Fado, Lisbon, hosted by lead partner, the Portuguese think-tank, INTELLI.

Eighty percent funded by the European Regional Development Fund, RE-GREEN will see €1,425,448 invested to improve regional development policies, promote the exchange of best practice, and encourage innovative policy solutions for 'green buildings'.

Around 50 delegates - representing project partners from ten participating European countries - flocked to the award winning Portuguese museum to set out the next steps for this ambitious project and draw inspiration from examples of cutting edge green building policies from around the world.

In a building that houses around 200 years of artistic, literary and musical history, the partners discussed the projects plans for the future of green growth and sustainable development at a regional level.

The group collectively stressed the importance of "thinking locally to act globally" and emphasised the need to create environmental, economic and social growth by encouraging the development of more environmentally friendly buildings. During the seminar, Mayor of the municipality of Dabrowa Gornicza (Poland), Henryk Zagula,

also stressed the need to find "flexible solutions", adapted to fit city realities.

The building sector in Europe is one of the main contributors to the global greenhouse gas emissions, accounting for almost forty percent of energy consumption, according to the European Community's Energy Efficiency Plan, 2011. RE-GREEN will focus on the problem of inefficiency in this sector by promoting green public procurement and providing support to help regions renovate and retrofit both public and private buildings.

RE-GREEN partners will hold regular meetings over the next three years, to facilitate the exchange of ideas and feedback on their progress.

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