

## **Information and News**

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The EUREMnext project – what's in it for you?

The overarching objective of the EUREMnext project is to contribute to both environmental protection and competitiveness in businesses by increasing the quality of energy audits and thereby the rate of implementation of energy efficiency measures. One of its goals is to extend and enhance the highly effective EUREM Energy Manager training in terms of content and support activities and make it available in 6 more countries. In addition to these parts, which mainly focus on the (future) course participants and their companies and clients, the project also offers useful elements for those not enrolled in EUREM courses but interested in energy management, energy audits, and energy efficient and climate friendly business practices. For example, the newly developed e-learning units which introduce topics like Industry 4.0/Digitalization & Energy Efficiency, Mobility Management, or the Energy Audit Requirements according to EN 16247 and ISO 50002 Standards. The Energy Manager Conference 2020 in Athens will be a great chance to update and broaden knowledge, share good practices and network with peers. Check out the following sections to find out what's going on and how you can benefit from the EUREMnext project!

Successful
EUREM course
starts in new
countries &
upcoming
courses

The first of the new countries to start an Energy Manager Training as part of the EU-funded project was **Albania** in October 2018. By now **Bosnia-Herzegovina**, **Estonia**, **Latvia**, and **Serbia** have followed suit: almost 90 future energy managers are already studying, and the **course in <u>Turkey</u> will begin in November 2019**.

EUREM courses are also scheduled to start soon in **Greece** (Athens, September 2019, future courses are also envisaged for Thessaloniki and Crete), **Spain** and **Albania** (both October 2019), and **Austria** (Vienna, November 2019).



Further chances to join the EUREM family exist in February 2020 in the <u>Czech</u> <u>Republic</u> and <u>Germany</u> (Nuremberg).

Interested in taking a course or learning more?

Don't hesitate to get in touch with the training providers in <u>countries</u> within the <u>EUREMnext project</u> or <u>other countries</u> worldwide, using the links above.



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Free eLearning modules now available in 12 languages

Four eLearning based modules have been developed by the partners of the EUREMnext project in order to cover relevant topics without extending the presence time of the training.

They provide an overview on:

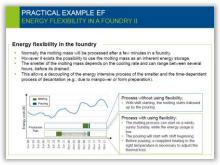
- Industry 4.0 & Energy Efficiency
- Mobility Management in Businesses
- Energy Audit Standards EN 16247 & ISO 50002 and
- Employee Motivation & Communication of Energy Issues

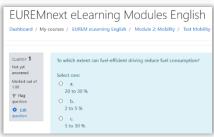
These modules are also accessible to users not subscribed to a EUREM course and available at: https://training.eurem.net/course/index.php?categoryid=64.

You just need to **register on the "Moodle" platform** to obtain free access to them. Those who already have a EUREM Moodle registration can use their existing account.

By the way: An additional **practical module** will teach the design and evaluation of sustainable energy measures using a tool specifically adapted for EUREM. There will be presence classes for this module, but materials are also made available online for those interested.

Check them out and let us have your feedback!







Energy
Managers reap
cost and
energy savings

By now, almost 6,000 European Energy Managers (EUREM) worldwide make a contribution to improving energy efficiency, following the EUREM motto "Proud to save!" Already those energy projects, which they must develop as part of the course, open up great potentials for energy and cost savings.

The results from two recently concluded courses are good examples:

11 new Energy Managers in the Czech Republic help their employers save 670,000 € per year while emitting 4,000 tons less CO<sub>2</sub>. In Austria, the 19 new graduates identified projects that reduce energy consumption by 31 GWh and curb greenhouse gas emissions by 8,500 tons per year. About half of their projects pay back within approximately two years.



Several alumni surveys have shown that more than 80 % of the course projects are realized. So, the course is a worthwhile investment for the trainees as well as their employers and the environment!

Energy Audit Coaching Workshops started Coaching Workshops on the implementation of Energy Audits will also be organised and evaluated in all project countries as part of EUREMnext. A first one was conducted in Vienna in May, to support EUREM participants and alumni with the implementation of energy audits in the companies where they work or – in case of external energy auditors – at their clients'. Given that in many businesses the 4-yearly audits mandated by the EU Energy Efficiency Directive (EED) are due this year, participants welcomed this timely opportunity to benefit from input by the Austrian partners and the very lively exchange of experiences among the group.

Close-up:
Albania getting
into the
EUREM spirit

Following the kick-off in October 2018 and circa 15 weekends in the face-to-face training sessions and several excursions, the first Albanian EUREM course participants are now a step closer to the official certification. 27 trainees completed the written test in July 2019.



"It was quite a challenging and occupying period, yet they passed it successfully. We are glad to say that our first group of European EnergyManagers is almost ready!" says Aurora Xhorxhi, EUREMnext project coordinator in Tirana, "You see, we have to complete the Energy Concept presentation and then our boys and

girls will be fully set."

The real challenge for the aspiring Albanian EUREMs starts soon – implementing the Energy Concepts and hopefully many more projects for sustainable energy use in practice.

But before that, the trainees from the EUREMnext pilot course will receive their certificate at a special event in October organised as part of the International Energy & Expo Forum - Energy Days for the Region.

"We are proud that representatives from the Ministry, Energy Efficiency Agency and other relevant important stakeholders will participate in the ceremony", adds Dr. Hans Spernbauer, EUREM Albania Team Leader. "And please don't think this was it: Based on the success and awareness raised this last year on energy efficiency and saving measures thanks to EUREMnext, Austrian Institute of Excellence will start the second EUREM training in Albania in October 2019.





We'll keep everyone informed via our newsletter and LinkedIn page <u>EUREMnext Shqipëri</u>, and we look forward to staying in touch with our alumni and the international EUREM and energy efficiency community!"

## Save the date

The 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference for European EnergyManagers including the EUREM Awards will take place on May 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> 2020 in Athens, Greece. All those interested in energy management or sustainable energy use in businesses and organisations can use this opportunity to be inspired by good practices, get an update on the latest developments, and network with fellow experts and energy efficiency enthusiasts.

More information will be published on the EUREMnext <u>project website</u> and via <u>Twitter</u>. In the meantime, we invite you to get a flavour by browsing last year's <u>conference proceedings</u> and <u>photos</u>.

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