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Il-Kunsilli Lokali pijunieri fil-politika lejn Ghawdex Eko-Regjun

Il-konkluzjoni ewlienija tal-laqgħa reġjonali tal-kunsillieri tar-Regjun ta' Ghawdex hija li l-Kunsilli Lokali huma l-pijunieri sabiex il-Gzira ta' Ghawdex issir Eko-Regjun. Biex din il-koperazzjoni tkun tista' tkompli s-sehh il-Kunsilli Lokali għandhom jingħataw is-sotenn shih u l-ispazju kollu sabiex il-kontribut tagħhom ikun wiehed effettiv u rejalistiku.

Matul il-laqgħa li saret illum is-Sibt 21 ta' Frar 2009, tkellmet il-Ministru għall-Ghawdex l-Onor Giovanna Debono. Il-Ministru tkellmet dwar il-politika tal-Gvern dwar it-tibdil fil-klima, l-għan li Ghawdex ikun Eko-Regjun u l-isforzi li qed isiru sabiex l-iskart jingħabar b'mod separar. Il-Ministru Debono qalet li l-Gvern qed iwettaq diversi kampanji ta' tagħrif u informazzjoni dwar l-iskart separar u l-uzu ta' l-enerġija. F'dawn l-inizjattivi ed ikun hemm konsultazzjoni mal-Kunsilli Lokali.

It-tieni kelliem kien is-Sur Rolf Harlinghausen li huwa membru tal-Kumitat tar-Regjuni mill-belt ta' Hamburg. Huwa ffoka l-indirizz tiegħu dwar il-Patt tas-Sindki u heggeg lis-Sindki sabiex ikomplu bil-hidma tagħhom favur it-tnaqqis ta' l-emessjonijiet fil-belt tagħhom. Huwa tkellem ukoll dwar l-inizjattivi li qed tiehu l-Belt ta' Hamburg dwar l-ambjent, fosthom l-uzu ta' karozzi bil-hydrogen, mizuri fiskali fuq ix-xiri tal-karozzi, u l-uzu ta' enerġija intelligenti. Huwa sostna li hemm

bzonn ta' tibdil fir-regoli tal-Unjoni Ewropea sabiex inizjattivi bhal dawn ikollhom is-sostenn mehtieg.

Tkellem ukoll is-Sur Paul Curmi (ex-kunsillier u ex-Sindku) dwar ir-rwol tal-kunsillieri. Huwa qal li il-Kunsillier ghandu rwol importanti u hadd ma ghandu joqghod lura milli jiehu inizjattivi u mizuri biex jitwettqu progetti kemm lokali u anke daww bil-fondi mill-unjoni Ewropea.

Il-President ta' l-Assocjazzjoni tal-Kunsilli Lokali tkellem dwar il-Kumitat tar-Regjuni u ta' informazzjoni dwar ix-xoghol li qed jitwettaq mid-delegazzjoni Maltija kemm fil-Kumiat u kif ukoll fil-Kummissjonijiet. Ghamel enfazi fuq il-politika dwar it-tibdeil fil-klima u kif il-Kunsilli Lokali iridu jkun impenjati f'din il-materja bhala stakeholder ewlieni. Il-Laqgħa tas-Sindki li jmiss se tkun qed tittratta din il-materja fejn gie mistieden ir-rapporteur tal-Kumiat tar-Regjuni dwar il-White Paper tal-Kummissjoni Ewropea dwar it-tibdil fil-klima.

Dr. Stefan Buontempo, Kelliem Ewlieni tal-Partit Laburista dwar il-Kunsilli Lokali irringrazzja lill-Assocjazzjoni tal-Kunsilli Lokali u l-Kunsillieri kollha tax-xoghol importanti li qed iwettqu. Hemm bzonn li l-mira ewlenija tkun l-izvilupp sostenibbli minghajr ma jkun hemm tnaqqis fil-livell tal-ghixien. Buontempo sahaq li hemm nuqqas ta' komunikazzjoni mill-Gvern mal-Kunsilli Lokali. Dr. Buontempo semma diversi kazi fejn qed isir zvilupp minghajr ma jkun hemm studji serji dwar l-impatt ta' dan l-izvilupp u heggeg lis-Sindki sabiex jahdmu flimkien, anke forma ta' Parlament, sabiex ikollhom lehen maqghud u sod.

Dr. Chris Said, Segretarju Parlamentari għall-Infommazzjoni u Djalogu, iccara l-punt li d-dokument dwar l-istrategija ta' l-iskart huwa d-dokument ta' konsultazzjoni u heggeg lil-Kunsilli Lokali kollha sabiex jagħmlu s-sottomissjonijiet magħhom. Il-mizbla tal-Kortin se tinbidel f'park regionali u bhalissa qed isiru l-bidliet mehtieg. Dr. Said semma diversi inizjattivi dwar il-gzira ta' Ghawdex u kompla jzid kif hemm bzonn aktar progetti sostenibbli li jintegraw is-socjeta tagħna minghajr ma jkun hemm kompromess dwar il-generazzjonijiet futuri. Fost dawn il-mizuri semma il-kampanja Switch, il-progett EDEN, uzu ta' energija intelligenti, Green Cities, l-ghazla ta' Kunsilli Lokali dwar pjan ta' sostenibilita, u l-co financing fund għall-Kunsilli Lokali.

Fil-bidu tal-laqgħa sar intervent mis-Sur Noel Formosa Sindku ta' San Lawrenz u Chairperson tar-Regjun Ghawdex. Huwa sahaq dwar l-inizjattivi kollha li qed jiehd u l-Kunsilli Lokali dwar il-politika ta' Ghawdex ikun Eko-Regjun u kif diga il-Kunsilli Lokali ta' Ghawdex iffirmaw l-Alborg Charter li wkoll hija marbuta mat-tibdil fil-klima u l-uzu ta' energija intelligenti. Is-Sur Formosa enfazizza li ghandu jsir aktar hidma flimkien bejn il-Kunsilli Lokali.

ALL.4.EU: Citizens for Europe

Following the co-operation agreement signed with ANCI, and the LCA's membership in ALDA, a project will be executed during 2009. The focus is the setting up of Active Citizens Panels. The work will commence in March 2009 and it is expected that the LCA will involve various groups to contribute to the success of the deliverables that the LCA has to provide to the project.

At the local level, each partner will promote a **1-day event**, focusing on the selected

theme, with the aims to present the project and its methodology in order to select the participants of the new citizens' panels to be established.

The main aims of the event are:

- to encourage the participation at the local level
- to raise awareness about the importance of actively participating in the construction of Europe
- to provide first relevant information on the topic to be addressed
- to launch the citizens panels building process, presenting their mission to be carried out both at the local and at the European level;
- to present the "tasks" of citizens' panels, focusing in particular on the research to be developed at the local level (relevant inputs guidelines for the research activity will be provided at this stage).

The event will be run by experts who will use an interactive approach and IT methods and tools.

The event will be promoted by the "citizens panels activators" trained at the beginning of the project, in strict cooperation with all project partners.

At this stage, the selection of participants will be done.

Participants will be selected on voluntary basis; their selection will follow two different strategies in order to involve the highest number of citizens with different walks of life:

- through the "activators", who are asked to invite to the event and to involve 10 persons each, for a total number of 30 persons (the participants involved through the activators will be mainly local authorities and civil society representatives who would not have spontaneously participated in projects of a European nature);
- through an "open call", publishing the event on an extensive basis at the local level, trying to involve at least 40 "ordinary" citizens on a voluntary basis (the participants involved through the open call are expected to represent "ordinary citizens", with different walks of life, who would not have spontaneously participated in projects of a European nature).

Expected number of participants for each event: 70

Expected number of participants involved in each local citizen panel: 40

Participants: "ordinary" citizens, with different walks of life, who would not have spontaneously participated in projects of a European nature.

PHILOXENIA - a new project with LCA as partner

Confronted for many years by a movement of rural exodus and by the aging of their population, the rural Mediterranean municipalities have become increasingly fragile due to a demographic decline, accompanied by a diminution of services and commercial enterprises, which all lead to a loss of their identity. However, the mobility of the professionals, the information and communication technologies (ICT), the new model of professional and family organisation, the mutation of the economy and of work, the concern for a sustainable development and the search for a better quality of life in view of the urban nuisances permits the rural Mediterranean territories to inverse the tendency above and to find new ways of local development. In effect the architectural, cultural and environmental heritage and the space at their disposal are the new factors of attraction, provided of course that they propose a certain number of services in response to the needs of «the model of urban life» which is becoming general.

In this actual environment which is taking shaped, the project partners propose in the territories implicated the implementation of a «Common Operational Mechanism (C.O.M.) of reception activities in the Mediterranean countryside» (Philoxenia). This mechanism foresees the financial, technical and cultural support of persons wishing to install themselves in the target zones, to create their own micro-projects and also to contribute to vitality of their rural territories.

The total budget for the project is around €1.9 million while the budget for the LCA is around €280,000.

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