

# Success stories

## **Twinning among municipalities from Spain and other EU countries (Province of Granada)**

The Province of Granada has involved 9 of its municipalities in GREEN TWINNING Project, which signed a Twinning Agreement in order to exchange expertise and best practices related to RES & RUE issues. Mayors of all municipalities formally signed the Memorandum of Agreement up.

Twinning agreements bring together municipalities in order to develop administrations capacity related to CoM initiative and even to facilitate the adoption of successful RES & RUE actions implemented previously by the other partner. Up to date, main activities have been addressed to share know-how about all kinds of projects related to sustainable energy.

## **Implementation of public awareness activities in the municipality of Ilioupoli**

In the framework of the Green-Twinning project, municipality of Ilioupoli (Attica, Greece) signed a twinning agreement with the municipality of Maracena (Granada, Spain) in order to exchange experience and best practices related to RES & RUE issues.

Ilioupoli municipality with the support of Macarena, is implementing public awareness activities as identified in its SEAP. Such activities are a travelling school exhibition, a “bike day” campaign, press releases, printed material, internet communication channels and seminars for municipal employees, teachers and citizens. The objective of the activities is to instil Energy Efficiency as a basic value among the citizens, civil servants and children and motivate them into changing their energy behavior.

## **Public lighting – Giurgiu municipality**

The municipality of Giurgiu (RO) following the example of l'Alcudia twin municipality (ES) is implementing a project for public lighting (street and indoor in schools) as included in its SEAP. The project aims to conduct a study which records the existing street and indoor lighting levels and to replace the obsolete, inefficient municipal lighting with energy efficient one and to extend it in the areas where missing.

## **Piaseczno has a SEAP**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October 2013 Piaseczno (Poland) formally adopted its SEAP which will help the municipality achieve its ambitious target – reducing CO<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from its territory by at least 20% by 2020. The Plan includes many interesting actions which will not only improve energy situation of the municipality, but also bring other positive results like improving quality of life of the citizens, creating new jobs or increasing security in the city. Planned actions include inter alia implementation of a Programme for reduction of low emissions, introduction of energy monitoring systems in public buildings, thermal retrofitting of residential buildings, construction of “green roofs” and “living walls”, construction of bicycle paths and utilization of solar energy to produce heat.