



# SHARE

## Social Housing Action to Reduce Energy Consumption

### Development of local social energy forum in Bulgaria:

The social housing stock in Bulgaria can be examined into two categories:

- Social housings owned by the municipalities and rented to tenants with low incomes and
- Privately owned social housings.

In Bulgaria the municipalities are responsible for the construction, management and refurbishment of social housings. In the SHARE project is involved the municipality of Sofia (with about 1 250 000 inhabitants – or about 16% of the population of the country) and more especially districts Izgrev, Iskar and Mladost. The experts from municipalities are also representatives of the tenants of rental social housings.

A specific aspect of the dwelling sector in Bulgaria is the fact that 97% of the dwellings are privately owned. Because of this we accept the following definition: social housing concerns the provision of good quality accommodation for lower income groups including recently privatised housing stock as well as accommodation for vulnerable social groups. To cover this part of the housing stock Sofia Energy Centre involves in the SHARE project representatives of owners of flats in big multi-family dwelling buildings.

### The forum will include:

- Representatives from municipalities (chairman of the first forum will be arch. Rossen Savov, vice-major of district Izgrev);
- Representatives of owners of social housings (in the first forum will be involved representatives of owners from district Iskar);
- Experts from energy agencies.

### In the different forums, depending on the issues, will be involved:

- Architects, engineers;
- Experts from district heating company;
- Installers of insulations and windows;
- Social workers.

### The forum will discuss the following energy issues:

- Additional insulations on external walls and roofs at building refurbishment;
- Possibilities for improvement of heating installations;
- Assessment of users' behaviour;
- How to choose new appliances;
- Financing of refurbishment;
- Training and awareness programmes.

### Social housing forums planning in Bulgaria

Forum No	Date	Members	Energy issues
1	July 2006	Core members + Installers of insulations and windows + Architects, engineers	Additional insulations on external walls and roofs at building refurbishment, energy efficient windows
2	September 2006	Core members	Training and awareness programmes.

3	December 2006	Core members + Experts from district heating company	Possibilities for improvement of heating installations; Assessment of users' behaviour <sup>1</sup>
4	March 2007	Core members + Social workers	How to choose new appliances; Simple tips for energy saving
5	June 2007	Core members + Financial experts	Financing of refurbishment <sup>1</sup>
6	September 2007	Core members	Assessment of results, review of the best way to continue the work

<sup>1</sup>The dates for discussion of these issues may vary, as they will be connected to the results of other IEE projects, more especially:

- ISEES project and
- InoFin project