



## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CLIMATE ACTION TIMISOARA, 15 MAI 2013 – GREEN WEEK 2013

On the occasion of the **International Day of Climate Action**, The City Hall of Timisoara Municipality, in cooperation with Timis Association for Energy Management, organised activities of ecological education in "ION CREANGA" Children's Park between 12:00 and 14:00 o'clock on 15 May 2013.

This event comes to be circumscribed to satellite events prompted by GREEN WEEK 2013, which were approved by the DG Environment of the European Commission (ref.RO03) and dedicated to the environment agent AIR, under the slogan "CLEANER AIR FOR ALL". All the Timisoara events which will be organised within the frame of the GREEN WEEK 2013 display the generic title „CLEAN AIR – Mine, Yours, Ours – Timișoara 2013” and are dedicated to signal the importance of the air as vital element for mankind.

120 middle schools pupils from four ECO-Schools of the Timisoara Municipality participated in this event – (Gymnasium Schools nr. 7, 16, 19, 30). Teachers, designated by each of the 4 ECO-School Principals, councillors from the Environment Directorate of the Timisoara Municipality Town Hall and the representatives of the Timis Association for Energy Management coordinated a series of ecological activities: drawing contest in the thematic area of energy saving, climate protection and air quality; questionnaires on environment issues; artistic activities. Diplomas were granted for participation as well as diplomas and prizes for the best drawings on ecological themes.

The event highlighted the importance of the air for humans' health, for the preservation of the biodiversity balance, and for the urban ecosystem as a whole, which is affected more and more by anthropic pressure. A contest on saving electric energy in the 4 participant schools was launched, too during the event, following that the winners should receive their prizes on 5 June, 2013, on the World Environment Day.

The interest of the municipality in developing educational projects is justified by the need to educate the young generation on the issues of sustainable development of the city, both as signatory of the Covenant of Mayors and public authority that implements the Local Strategy on Climatic Changes, and as partner in the CONURBANT Project - „An inclusive peer-to-peer approach to involve EU CONURBations and wide urban areas in participating to the CovenANT of Mayors” - IEE/ 10/380/SI 2.5894 27, funded by the Programme Intelligent Energy Europe.

In this context, the role of the young generation is essential, being a means of influencing the behaviour of their parents and grandparents with the aim of adopting a responsible attitude in matters of energy consumption, reducing and adapting to the effects of climate changes.

Numerous Timisoara inhabitants and pupils from other schools in the city have joined the event, too.

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