

ASSOCIATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF CITIES (SBAA)

A. Background:

In 1999, twenty one municipalities of the Northern Eastern Sectors of Attica Prefecture with more than 1 million inhabitants, formed the Association for Sustainable Development of Cities. The objective was the promotion of the principle of sustainability with plans and actions in the local communities of the participant members of the Association.

The guiding motto was to aim for: "A development that will meet our current needs, without jeopardizing the possibility of future generations to satisfy their own needs."

B. About us:

The Association for Sustainable Development of Cities (SBAA) is a legal entity of public law nature. SBAA is regulated by the provisions of the Law 3463/2006, (article 245).¹

SBAA today counts fourteen member-municipalities:²

1. Municipality of Ag. Paraskevi
2. Municipality of Vrillissia
3. Municipality of Galatsi
4. Municipality of Kifiissia-Ekali-N.Erythrea
5. Municipality of Iraklio
6. Municipality of Pefki-Lykovrissi
7. Municipality of Markopoulo
8. Municipality of Meramorfossi
9. Municipality of Pallini
10. Municipality of Penteli
11. Municipality of Papagou-Cholargou
12. Municipality of N. Ionia
13. Municipality of Filothey – Psyhiko
14. Municipality of Chalandri

SBAA is administered by a 31 members board, composed of elected representatives of the member municipalities and a 5 members executive committee headed by the President of SBAA. The president of SBAA is elected by its member municipalities.

SBAA conforms to the following quality management standards:

- ISO 9001:2008 on quality management systems.
- ISO: ELOT: 1429:2008 on management competence of organisations for the implementation of projects of public nature.
- ISO 14001:2004, which specifies requirements for an environmental management system to enable an organization to develop and implement a

¹ <https://nomoi.info/ΦΕΚ-Α-114-2006-σελ-1.html>

² After the introduction of legislation ('Kapodistrias' & 'Kallikratis'), several of the initial 21 participant member municipalities merged with each other.
<http://www.ypes.gr/el/Regions/programma/>

policy and objectives which take into account legal requirements and other requirements to which the organization subscribes, and information about significant environmental aspects.

C: Themes of actions and policy areas

The member municipalities have adopted the key milestones of the Local Agenda 21 Partnership Fund, a non-binding action plan of the United Nations with regard to the sustainable development.³ Those are the following:

- The protection of the environment
- The planning of future initiatives for sustainable growth
- The improvement of quality of life
- The pursuit of social justice

The SBAA members have committed to form their policies and plan their actions are on the basis of the above themes.

In this framework, SBAA has adopted main Operational Programs, policies and measures, most important of which include:

URBAN ENVIRONMENT

- Protection and enhancement of comparable advantages of the urban environment for the quality of life.
- Management of mobility for the decongestion of traffic loads.
- Economization on energy sources.
- Preservation and upgrade of the aesthetic quality of urban landscape.
- Decrease of urban air pollution.
- Compatible development of local and trans-local functions.

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

- Ecological protection of natural reserves.
- Protection and development of areas with vegetate cover within the urban tissue.

SOCIETY

- Reinforcement of economic prosperity and employment.
- Promotion of social welfare and urban safety policies.
- Promotion of common policies in cultural, sports and leisure activities
- Promotion of complementarities

LOCAL GOVERNANCE

- Enhancement of local governance and development of local workforce.
- Strengthening of the local governance by developing the local potential.

³ <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/outcomedocuments/agenda21>

D. Ongoing and completed projects

- Accept-AIR project
Development of a cost efficient policy tool for the reduction of particulate matter in Air.
<http://www.aceptair.prd.uth.gr/index.html>
- 50000 &1 SEAPs
The 50000&1 SEAPs project provides a coherent approach to integrating Energy Management Systems (EnMS) with Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAPs) according to energy management standard such as ISO 50001 and European Energy Award, as quality management certification system for municipalities committed to sustainable energy planning. It aims to help municipalities overcome the barriers blocking institutionalisation of their action plans and reinforce internal structures and procedures for high-quality, long-term, energy policy and planning. This ensures that sustainable approaches to local energy policy and planning are spread and strengthened further across Europe.
50000&1 SEAPs is a three-year project co-funded by Intelligent Energy Europe.
<http://www.50001seaps.eu/home/>
- Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy
<https://www.covenantofmayors.eu/en/>
- Traffic Education program
<http://www.sva.gr/πρόγραμμα-κυκλοφοριακής-αγωγής/> [in Greek]
- Electromagnetic Radiation Measurements program
<http://www.sva.gr/μετρήσεις-ηλεκτρομαγνητικής-ακτινοβ/> [in Greek]
- Recording of cultural heritage of member-municipalities

More actions [in Greek]:

<http://www.sva.gr/αστικό-περιβάλλον/>

<http://www.sva.gr/φυσικό-περιβάλλον/>

<http://www.sva.gr/κοινωνική-συνοχή/>

<http://www.sva.gr/μητροπολιτικές-παρεμβάσεις/>