KEP Italy: BIOCOS Project presented at VIII International Forum for Clean Energy Technologies in Serbia

The project “Implementation of Directive 2009/28/EC in the Field of Biofuels and Transport in the Republic of Serbia - Transfer of Best Practices” (BIOCOS), was presented at the VIII International Forum for Clean Energy Technologies in Serbia, that was held from 30 September to 1 October 2014 in Novi Sad, Serbia.

Whilst the Forum for Clean Energy Technologies in Serbia had its focus on identification of overall energy potentials and limitations, as well as measures for advancement of joint energy efficiency goals in the country, the National Petroleum Committee of Serbia had its session devoted to its continuing activities related to biofuels and presenting the activities and results that have been achieved in the framework of the BIOCOS project co-financed by CEI.

The BIOCOS panel included presentations on the following topics:

- Directive 2009/28/EC with reference to the use of renewable energy sources in transport and legal grounds for its implementation in the Republic of Serbia (Branislava Lepotić Kovačević, Phd, PE Transnafta);
- Overview of ways of transposing the obligations of the Republic of Serbia according to the Directive 2009/28/EC relevant to the use of renewable energy sources in transport (Dragoslava Stojiljković, Ph.D.M.Eng., Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, University of Belgrade)
- Potentials and limitations for the production and application of biofuels in the Republic of Serbia (Stanka Leskovac, Petroleum Industry of Serbia);

The BIOCOS project aims at transferring experience related to the implementation and transposition of EU legislation, in particular the 2009/28/EC Directive in the field of biofuels in the transport sector, gained by the newest EU Member Country Croatia to the target group in neighbouring Serbia, represented by the National Petroleum Committee of Serbia. The project actively contributes to the preparation of policy recommendations for the legislative and practical regulation of the emerging biofuels market in the Serbian transport sector, as well as the process of familiarizing consumers with the importance and benefits of the foreseen introduction of biofuels.

The project is co-financed by the CEI Fund at the EBRD (contributed by Italy) in the framework of the CEI Know-How Exchange Programme (KEP Italy). The project started in January 2014, and is ending in October 2014.

The last final project event shall be a Study visit of the National Petroleum Committee of Serbia as beneficiary institution to Croatian institutions in charge of biofuels and is to be held 6-7 October.