

76 PEOPLE UNDERGOING TRAINING IN ORDER TO IMPROVE ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN NIS

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The United Nations Development Program finances training for 76 people employed by the City Administration, as well as with direct and indirect users of the city budget, in order to improve energy efficiency in the City. These are people who work in preschool institutions, schools, local community offices and other facilities, and 76 of them cover a total of 220 buildings in the city. The project is being implemented in cooperation with the Ministry of Mining and Energy and, according to the Nis City Deputy Mayor Milos Bandjur, it will enable easier, faster and more efficient data entry, in real time, on the consumption of energy and water, but also contribute to spotting immediately the so-called black spots energy consumption. "The workers of the City Administration were overburdened with a bunch of papers that were coming from direct and indirect budget users; implementation of such information system would prevent these situations. This is a big step towards rapid and efficient data processing, and, at the same time, it will be an objective indicator where this local self-government should channel resources so that we can be more energy efficient," Bandjur said. He emphasized that Nis was one of the first cities in Serbia to appoint the Energy Manager and seriously worked on promoting energy efficiency to which we were bound by the Law on Rational Use of Energy, as well as the Energy Law. According to Maja Matejić, UNDP Energy Portfolio Manager, this project is funded by the Global Fund for Environment with 2.5 million and it aimed to introduce energy management in the public sector and increase the energy and cost efficiency of public facilities

and communal services.