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Advisory Assistance Programme for Environmental Protection in the Countries of Central and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia

To Whom It May Concern,

It is our pleasure to confirm that the Bulgarian School of Politics "Dimitry Panitza" successfully implemented the project „Conference: Energy Efficiency Investment Mechanisms in Bulgaria“ in the context of the Advisory Assistance Programme for Environmental Protection in the Countries of Central and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia (AAP).

The AAP is a fund supported by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) that provides support to countries in Central and Eastern European, the Caucasus and Central Asia in their efforts to advance environmental protection. AAP projects support the transfer of know-how and experience with a view to strengthening environmental administrations, raising environmental standards and preparing environmental investment projects. The policy recommendations regarding instruments, measures and institutional arrangements, which are developed within the projects, help our partner countries achieve the institutional requirements for sustainable development.

The German Federal Environment Agency is responsible for the AAP's administrative management on behalf of the BMU und supervises AAP projects technically.

The project „Conference: Energy Efficiency Investment Mechanisms in Bulgaria“ was implemented by the Bulgarian School of Politics "Dimitry Panitza" from September to November 2012. The project intended to compile, present and discuss political and financial approaches to initiate and support investments that help realise the energy efficiency potential in Bulgaria, with a particular focus on the building sector. The project focussed on the organisation, preparation and implementation of a conference on the subject.

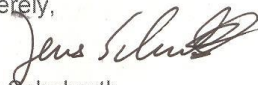
The conference was organised with support from the German Embassy to Sofia at whose premises it took place on November, 14th, 2012. It was attended by approx. 100 representatives from politics, business, academia, non-governmental organisations and the media. The Bulgarian Minister of Economy, Energy and Tourism opened the conference. The conference's programme offered panel discussions on the topics "Energy Efficiency in Bulgaria – Challenge and Opportunity", "International Policy Practices for Energy Efficiency" and "Financing High Energy Efficiency Standards Buildings". Panelists included representatives from the Presidency of Bulgaria, the Bulgarian Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works, BMU, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the University of Oxford and the Building Performance Institute Europe (BPIE), Brussels.

One of the project's outputs is an overview of funding mechanisms for energy efficiency investments in Bulgaria.

We thank the Bulgarian School of Politics "Dimitry Panitza" for its commitment to the project, for the successful project implementation and for the very good cooperation with our Agency as supervising entity.

For any new initiatives and projects we wish the Bulgarian School of Politics "Dimitry Panitza" all the best.

Sincerely,

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