



EU Launch Event

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Co-organized with the Covenant of Mayors–Europe



The new Regio1st project, funded under the LIFE-CET programme, kicks off with a launch event co-organised with the Covenant of Mayors (CoM) - Europe, which is celebrating its 15th anniversary, all in a context where energy efficiency is, more than ever, a topic of great interest. The Energy Efficiency First (EE1st) principle, at the heart of the recast of the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED), has implications that go far beyond the EU sphere. In fact, its implementation, at all governance levels, as sought by the project, will ensure a quicker and more coherent transition throughout the continent. Local and regional authorities are thus an important piece of the equation.

To launch its activities, Regio1st, in collaboration with CoM-Europe, invites high-level speakers, among which EU policy-makers involved in the REPowerEU plan and EED recast, as well as representatives of CoM-Europe and regional authorities and regional agencies, to take part in an introductory talk on the EE1st principle and energy efficiency in planning processes. This launch event will set the basis for a multilevel feedback loop which will contribute to the development of decision-support models in the six pilot regions throughout the three years of the project's implementation and beyond.



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Agenda

- 10h30–10h45: Regio1st overview and presentation

Presentation of the consortium, objectives and approach of Regio1st and the way it fits within the range of EU-funded initiatives focusing on policy support and energy efficiency.

- Nathalie Cliquot (European Climate Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency)
- Vlasis Oikonomou (Institute for European Energy and Climate Policy)

Overview of the existing commitments of CoM-Europe community with regards to the integration of energy efficiency-related aspects in SECAPs. It will focus also on the role of CoM-Europe in linking regional and local levels

- Nadège Seguel (CoM-Europe)

- 10h45–11h00: Policy updates on the Energy Efficiency Directive recast.

Update on the negotiations of the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED) recast ,with a particular focus on the chapter on the EE1st principle.

- Veronica Jirickova (Directorate General for Energy, European Commission)

- 11h–12h: Roundtable on energy efficiency in planning processes and prospects for the EE1st in recovery plans

Moderated roundtable with CoM-Europe's territorial coordinators and supporters on: how energy efficiency is currently embedded in planning processes and its connections to the current energy crisis & implementation of recovery plans.

Moderated by: Michael Doran (South East Energy Agency)

Speakers:

- Maria Belarmina Díaz Aguado (Government of Asturias)
- Stergios Kianas (Government of Western Macedonia)
- Ioannis Fallas (Bioeconomy and Environment Cluster Western Macedonia)
- Alen Višnjić (Medjimurje Energy Agency)

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