



Capacity building in public authorities

Technical support to clean energy transition plans and strategies in municipalities and regions

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Context and aim

- **Cities and regions are decisive** to achieve EU 2030 targets and achieve carbon neutrality
- Need for commitment for **ambitious and rapid** clean energy transition
- Role in contributing to the **phase-out EU dependence on fossil fuels imports**

Main aim: provide local and regional authorities with capacity to plan and implement the clean energy transition

Challenges

- **Lack of capacity** within local and regional authorities to develop and implement energy and climate plans/strategies.
- Alignment existing plans to **new**, more ambitious **targets** of carbon neutrality, ensuring **coherence** with other strategies
- Lack of **holistic planning** and sectoral **integration**, supported by coordination structures.
- Secure **resources** and stronger **political commitment** to deliver the plans, underpinned by involvement of public and private stakeholders, including **citizens and communities**.



Scope – actions should:

Development of clean energy transition plans and strategies



Institutionalise holistic, integrated and collaborative energy planning



It is equally relevant to address either one or both of the scope areas

Develop clean energy transition plans and strategies

- **Capacity building** for cities and regions
- **Ambitious** clean energy transition plans/strategies for 2030 – paving the way for 2050
- Coherent with EU and national reporting **frameworks**
- Development and reinforcement of **technical, legal and social skills** among local and regional authorities.
- Right **mix of activities**, e.g. training programmes for policy-makers/public officers, replication and roll-out of best practices, the development of knowledge structures, etc.



Institutionalise holistic, integrated and collaborative energy planning

- Facilitate **cross-sectoral approach** → clean energy + mobility + land-use + urban planning + services + infrastructures, etc.
- **Professionalise and accelerate** planning processes
- Creation/reinforcement of **coordination structures**
- Support **higher ambition** levels
- Enable/increase **participation and engagement** of all relevant public and private stakeholders.



Past H2020 projects



Upcoming LIFE-CET projects

- Development of SECAPs with the support of energy management systems (ISO 50001) and climate adaptation standards (ISO 14092)
- Establishment of long-lasting support structures for implementation of SECAPs, by integrating energy and climate planning with spatial planning
- Dedicated capacity building for small and medium cities to develop a structured approach to holistic and integrated spatial and energy planning
- Support to regional governments and local agencies to include the energy efficiency first principle in Regional Operational Programmes and energy plans
- Capacity building for carbon-intensive regions to develop and implement regional energy and climate plans aligned with National Energy and Climate Plans



Expected impacts

Number of policies / plans / strategies established

Number of policy-makers/public officers with improved capacity/skills

Number of institutionalised collaborations within and beyond public authorities

Number of public and private stakeholders engaged

Secured political commitment and resources

Primary energy savings and renewable energy generation (in GWh/year)

Investments in sustainable energy triggered by the project



Some additional clarifications

- Do local and regional authorities need to be **beneficiaries** of the consortium?
 - no obligation to include local and regional authorities as beneficiaries; however, public authorities need to be strongly engaged in the proposed activities.
- Do applicants need to address all the expected **impacts** listed?
 - proposals should address only those impact indicators mentioned in the Call that are relevant considering the scope, objectives and expected outputs of the proposed action.
- Do applicants need to address all points under the '**Scope**' section?
 - It is equally relevant to address either one or both of the points.



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