

EnercitEE

European networks, experience and recommendations helping cities and citizens to become Energy Efficient

The EU Climate and Energy Package is considered key to an energy efficient and low-carbon Europe. The three overall objectives have become generally known as the 20-20-20 targets: a 20% cut in emissions of greenhouse gases by 2020, compared with 1990 levels; a 20% increase in the share of renewable; and a 20% cut in energy consumption.

EnercitEE seeks to the EU targets on energy efficiency practically. The project, which is carried out under the EU programme INTERREG IVC, builds upon experiences and existing networks from the forerunner project energy' regio.

EnercitEE will identify, analyse and transfer good practices, foster the exchange of experience and carry out light pilot implementation to increase the level of energy efficiency of local authorities and their citizens. Good practices and strategies can then be transferred to less experienced regions.

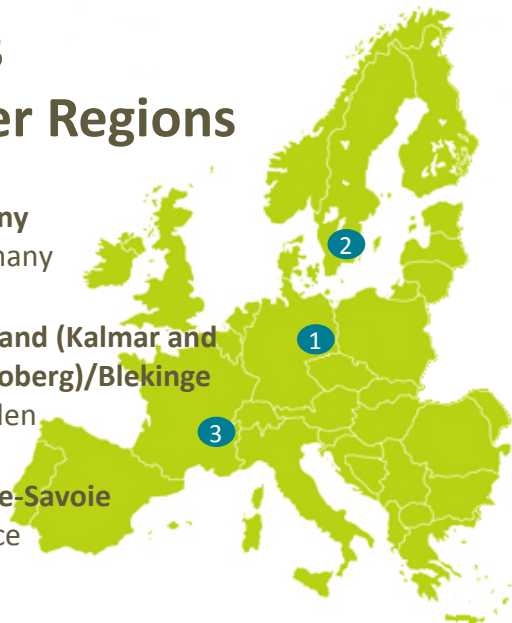
Practical guidelines and policy recommendations produced within EnercitEE will provide valuable assistance for European regions aiming to improve their energy performance and policies.

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1 Saxony
Germany

2 Smaland (Kalmar and Kronoberg)/Blekinge
Sweden

3 Haute-Savoie
France



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Aims of the project

E-FoxES focuses on raising awareness among pupils in three EnercitEE regions concerning energy saving and efficiency. For that purpose energy saving contests for schools will be established in these regions. The contests are based on project contributions of groups of pupils from primary and secondary schools. The pupils can implement their own ideas how to save energy. They are supported by the organizers of the contests and by their teachers. There are award categories which the pupils can apply for: the most active, the most creative and the best European project.

The energy saving contest is based on a high degree of publicity. The political level will be involved from the beginning of the contests. The winners of the contests will be selected by public juries and awarded by prominent politicians.

A joint approach for energy saving contests at schools will be developed. The contests will be documented from the announcement to the final event and success factors analysed. Finally, award categories will be defined and first contests will be implemented on the basis of the joint approach.

Regional presentation

Saxony (Germany)

The schools in the town of Bautzen and from the surrounding region will be invited to participate in regional energy saving contests. The quality of pupil's spare time as well as the curricula of respective school lessons should be improved by the contest. The collaboration with the companies which act as sponsor will strengthen and the image of the town of Bautzen will be raised. It is expected that the energy consumption of the involved schools

will decrease.

The principles of the contest, laid down in the common conception, will be offered to other towns, cities and regions in Saxony. All in all we expect a higher awareness among the citizens concerning energy efficiency after the public-oriented contests, first of all in the town of Bautzen but also in the surrounding area and further regions which are interested to implement the common conception for the energy saving contest.

Smaland (Kalmar and Kronoberg)/Blekinge (Sweden)

The beneficiaries of the project are the citizens of Kalmar County and in particular the youths who are the becoming decision makers. Local authorities who will be involved in the project are aimed to be aware of the importance of the message in the project. The exchange of experiences and methods between the participants in the project will be one of the most important outputs in the project to increase the awareness among the citizens about a sustainable developed future.

Main focus in the project is to show how a changed behaviour among the citizens will create a better future for all mankind, and it will be carried out with a method that increases the attractiveness of the project.

Haute-Savoie (France)

Prioriterre via a close collaboration with council general and cities will work with schools by creating groups of competitors inside schools that will compete against other schools. Prioriterre will foster EE behaviour, energy savings advices, and will bring information on the EE topics.

A high number of high school pupils and teachers in Haute-Savoie may participate and even the pupils' families after class. People will share strategies and methods via the dissemination of information, brochures and organisation of workshops. The exchange of experiences between European project partners will contribute to the achievement of the EU target on climate change. Thanks to exchange of experts' knowledge from energy agency to citizens and to local authorities, we will improve and change citizens' consumption behaviour, improve energy and money savings and allow a measurement of implemented actions.

Main outputs

The E-FoxES sub-project partners will develop a common approach strategy for energy saving school competitions. This strategy will be summarized in a common conception, as basis for regional implementation manuals, which will be offered to other interested municipalities and regions. The common conception will describe all important elements of the contest. The regional manuals will take into consideration the regional circumstances.

Summary of outputs:

- Common conception for energy saving contests;
- Three regional implementation manuals with road maps, one each per participating region;
- Implementation of energy saving contests;
- Interregional meetings and good practice studies in all three participating regions;
- Two dissemination events in each region;
- Implementation of a European award for energy saving projects by pupils