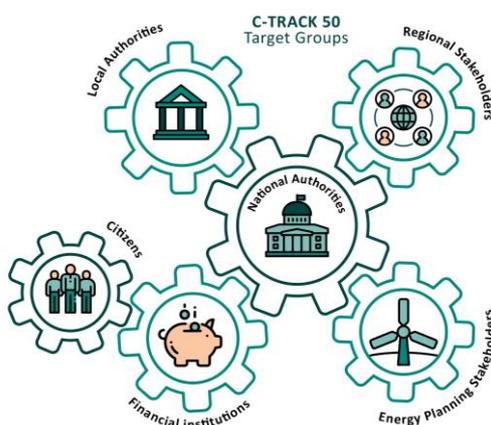


C-Track 50, an EU funded project under the Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme, aims to mobilise and support local and regional authorities in energy and climate planning in order to achieve climate resilience and carbon neutrality by 2050.

The project is implemented in 11 EU countries, namely: Austria, Croatia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Poland, Portugal, Romania and Spain



C-Track 50 addresses two key challenges: the lack of multi-level collaboration in integrated energy and climate policy planning and the limited experience across Europe in long-term planning at all governing levels.

Overall, C-Track 50 will contribute considerably to the 2030 and 2050 EU energy and climate targets by promoting multi-level governance, supporting public authorities in defining long-term energy policy priorities and facilitating local and regional energy planning.

European Webinar on Citizen Finance

A thematic area close to the heart of local stakeholders was selected as the topic of the 2nd C-Track 50 Webinar, organised on the 9th of June. Interest on citizen finance is growing significantly, as demonstrated by the 130 stakeholders joining the event.

The experiences shared by prominent speakers included energy cooperatives, crowdfunding and the combo bond. More information on the event, including the presentations, and its recording, is available [here](#).



C-Track 50 at EU Regions Week

On the 14th of October, C-Track 50 joined forces with the PROSPECT 2030 (Interreg) and E-Fix projects (H2020) to host a virtual Q&A session for the European Week of Regions and Cities. Project partners invited two experts to discuss the role of regions in the EU's carbon neutrality objective: Przemyslaw Komarnicki, Professor working at the Fraunhofer Institute of Energy Systems and Infrastructures Research, and Michele Sansoni, Project Adviser at the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME).

With more than 50 participants, the session was highly successful and addressed the various dimensions of the topic, from technologies to financing, including social inclusion and acceptance. Read the full report [here](#).

C-Track 50 Knowledge Repository

A new tool, to strengthen the knowledge of cities regarding long term energy planning has been launched by the project, the C-Track 50 Knowledge Repository. Acknowledging the difficulty local authorities have to access material already in place on policy planning, the Knowledge Repository is a significant dissemination portal targeting municipalities and other interested stakeholders so as to inform them on issues regarding renewable energy and energy efficiency applications on a local or regional level. You can access this portal [here](#). Info at each country level is available when viewing the webpage in the national language.

What's going on in the C-Track 50 partner countries?

The City of Koprivnica and **Regional Energy Agency North**, Croatia, won the Prestigious European Awards for Excellence in Sustainable and Innovation procurement. The market dialogue initiated aimed at informing and involving market actors, in this first of its kind partnership in Croatia, which was positively assessed by the jury. The project was focused on an extensive reconstruction of a prefabricated kindergarten building.

C-Track 50 supported the project during the preliminary technical analysis and project designing phase. The reconstruction consisted not only of energy renovation works, but also of a complete reconstruction of the interior.



Riga Planning Region in Latvia has been working with its beneficiary municipalities for the preparation of an application regarding mobility points. In this framework, meetings with the European Investment Bank (EIB) to discuss the region's ELENA application have been organised, and the requested changes in the pre-application form are ongoing. Considering that there is no previous experience with ELENA projects in Latvia, this exercise represents a significant experience for the engaged regional partners in the country.

FAEN, the regional energy agency of Asturias in Spain, has completed its work with beneficiary municipalities, and finalized their 10 long term policy and climate plans. In these plans and the resulting projects, municipalities have mostly put the focus on the renovation of public lighting. FAEN has been supporting them by collaborating in the preparation of energy audits, technical documents for the application forms, documents for the public procedures of contracting, as well as providing continuous assistance over the whole process.



FAEN has also engaged with Energy Service Companies (ESCOs), which undertake the initial investment and the management of the facilities. So far, more than 6 municipalities have secured the necessary funds from the available national grants.

The **Wielkopolska region**, Poland, has been working with its selected beneficiary municipalities in the provision of support for adjusting their low-emission economy plans to the SECAP standard, under the long-term horizon. During the technical support provided to the municipalities, they also review their planning documents in terms of their updating and multilateral coherence, taking into account issues related to climate changes. Among the different implementation options, special attention has been paid to the ESCO financing model, which so far is not widely used in Poland, especially among municipalities.

AREAM, the regional energy agency of Madeira, Portugal, has been supporting the Funchal municipality, among its beneficiaries, to develop e-charging stations for electric vehicles. In addition, the Madeira region is supported with solutions for the rehabilitation of residential buildings, in order to improve their energy and water performance.

The work on supporting the more than 110 beneficiary municipalities over the 11 countries in all aspects of their energy and climate policy planning and triggering financing of selected priority projects has been ongoing.

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