



LIFE SEC ADAPT PROJECT

Upgrading Sustainable Energy Communities in Mayor Adapt initiative by planning Climate Change Adaptation strategies

Report networking event:

Local authorities as drivers to address climate change

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General information

Select typology: • *conference*

Title: Local authorities as drivers to address climate change

Name of the organisation proposer: *SVIM*

date: *19TH of June 2019*

SEC ADAPT partners participating: *SVIM*

Website info: <https://eusew.eu/local-authorities-drivers-address-climate-change>

Specific information

Main thematic addressed:

- *Climate Adaptation*
- *Climate Mitigation*
- *RES (Renewable Energy Systems)*
- *Energy Saving*
- *Sustainable Mobility*
- *Environmental protection*
- *Sustainable development*

type of stakeholders involved (specify numbers if possible)

- *Public Administration*
- *Academic Institution*
- *Business sector – professional/industry association*
- *Business sector - Individual Consultant or companies*
- *ONG - civil association*
- *Individual Citizen*

Total number about 100 people

Territorial level

- *European / Transnational regions*

specify territories *European level*





Report:

Aim of the event:

In order to fulfil the Paris agreement's commitments and maintain the average global temperature to 1.5°, the EU and the EU countries have endorsed ambitious energy and climate targets for 2030 and 2050, when the continent should become carbon neutral. In order to achieve those targets, **effective energy and climate policies** are needed, as well as **strategies engaging multiple actors across different territorial scales**.

Local authorities play a crucial role for translating the European policies successfully into established and accepted practices and should be supported to ensure the effective implementation of climate and energy policies. In this event, **successful initiatives strengthening local action will be presented**. Local and regional authorities will be invited with the aim of **sharing their experience and best practices on long-term energy planning and multi-level governance**. These inspiring examples will help local authorities in becoming role models in the implementation of the EU's 2030 and 2050 climate and energy targets.

In order to facilitate the debate among the audience of EUSEW event, several initiatives and EU funded projects will introduce their concepts, approaches and experiences: Covenant of Mayors, European Energy Award eea (quality management and labelling approach), CoME EASY (combining CoM and eea for SECAP development and implementation), IMPLEMENT (eea approach in 4 new countries), EMPOWERING and LIFE SEC ADAPT (upgrading SEAPs to SECAPs), C-Track 50 (long-term approached for 2050) and PentaHelix (multi stakeholder and governance approach).

Attendees of this event have the opportunity to benefit from projects' results (findings, tools, e-platforms,..) that are easily transferable to different local settings. Initiatives presented during this event provide useful information both for local, regional and national authorities and political decision makers willing to develop and improve their climate strategy and actively shape Europe's energy future.

Specific SEC ADAPT Partners activity (presentation, participation to workshop, poster etc)

Within the event, different presentations of projects ongoing in Europe related to the Covenant of Mayors were carried out in order to share with the public the results achieved and any useful feedback in order to improve project results. In particular, through the presentation of SVIM on the results obtained by the two projects EMPOWERING and LIFE SEC ADAPT, attention was focused on the capacity building program and the monitoring tool of the two projects. For LIFE SEC ADAPT, the project results were highlighted in terms of methodological tools, the adaptation plans drawn up and the monitoring tool for the mitigation and adaptation part drawn up with the project.





Lesson learnt to spread with LIFE SEC ADAPT partners:

The lesson learnt from the event takes place thanks to the feedback received from the audience present in the room. The following are the most relevant:

1. the argument event interests a high number of stakeholders as development agencies, energy agencies, public authorities, municipalities and technicians in the energy and climate fields were present and filled the room above expectations from all over Europe
2. Support tools in planning climate adaptation are indispensable in order to simplify and support further Municipalities involved with the Covenant of Mayors and with climate adaptation
3. The competences must be mainly and as much as possible within the Municipality in order to better manage and better monitor the Adaptation Plan, supported by the local coordinators
4. horizontal and vertical governance is fundamental in order to achieve an optimal adaptation plan. Through vertical governance all the actors, at national, regional, municipal level etc .. contribute for their skills to better planning in the climate field. Through horizontal governance, a better knowledge transfer among peers allows faster resolution of critical issues and at the same time an improvement in local planning. Through collaboration between Municipalities, through a peer-to-peer exchange, there is a notable acceleration of local planning and a considerable increase of positive results that affects all the municipal territories.

Communication and Media information

communication
channels

- *web site*
- *newsletter/ mailing list/ email contact*
- *social media: Facebook*
- *magazine*
- *front office point*

Media

