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A MED Energy Community for all

On the 18th of October, the Efficient Buildings Community and the Renewable Energy Community met in Ljubljana to find possible synergies between the respective modular projects. It was the first time that two thematic communities of the Interreg MED Programme joined efforts to achieve a common goal: **a sustainable energy model for the Mediterranean region**. It was quite the perfect match, because energy efficiency measures and renewable energies need each other in order to be effective and to reach the goal of de-carbonization.

This complementarity was also highlighted recently by the new **European long-term vision for carbon neutrality in 2050: "A Clean Planet for All"**. Released by the Commission at the end of November, this strategy makes clear that **carbon neutrality can be achieved only with a joint action** in seven different and parallel fields. Energy efficiency, with a particular attention to the building sector, is the first of the seven pillars; the deployment of renewable energy is the second.

The two MED thematic communities and the joint conference organized in Ljubljana represent the essence of the new European strategy. The modular projects of each community discussed together to find common technical indicators and feasible business models that could take into account both energy efficiency measures in public buildings and renewable energy from different sources (biomass, photovoltaic, wind, etc.). Furthermore, a specific working group focused on social awareness, because the energy transition is possible only if all citizens change their consumption behaviour.

Each group of discussion found the policy implications of this common model and on the 19th of October they were also able to interact

with a panel of European policy-makers and to present the main results of each project during an "exhibition café".

Now the work on policies made during the conference of Ljubljana will feed the **policy recommendations** expected for the next year. After the harmonization of projects results (the technical papers), the Community will deliver the policy papers. 2019 will be the time for the modular projects and for the whole MED energy community to transform their results into a common Mediterranean model for the future energy policies. For this reason, the next joint conference will be organized in Brussels, to raise only one Mediterranean voice on energy policies.

See you in Brussels and we wish you all a fruitful 2019!

Watch the new video of the Efficient Buildings Community!

In October, the EB Community launched a new video. It demonstrates the crucial role of energy efficiency in public buildings in turning Mediterranean cities into cleaner and smarter places to live. Click below to watch the video!

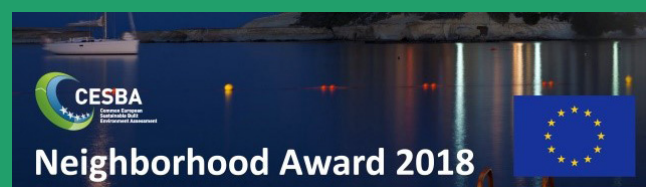


CESBA MED

<https://cesba-med.interreg-med.eu/>

CESBA Sprint Workshop: from Ljubljana to Gozo

On 18th of October 2018 CESBA held a training session at the EB & RE MED Community Conference in Ljubljana, presenting "CESBA Sprint Workshop". It is a specific format designed to facilitate discussion among 6 working groups on 6 different issues for 3 consecutive days. The 5th edition of the event took place in Gozo (Malta) from 14 to 16 November 2018 (organized by CESBA MED together with SHERPA, ENERJ and 6 other European projects). More than 40 experts from 8 nations developed joint solutions for a continuous improvement of buildings, neighbourhoods and spatial planning. In particular the main emerging themes were the social dimension of EE measures (they are normally tailored for middle-class people



CESBA MED organizes the CESBA Neighborhood Award 2018 to select the most efficient European neighborhood, according to the common CESBA's methodology. Participation is open to cities and districts from all Europe. The winner will be awarded in May during the Sustainable Built Environment 2019 event, in Scilla (Italy). Deadline for application: 17/02/2019.

and well-to-do PAs); the gamification and co-creation as means for bottom-up participation (parallel to a top-down governance); the harmonization of assessment tools and the integration of programs; and the collaboration with existing network to develop new CESBA tools.



EDUFOOTPRINT

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Taking part to the EB & RE MED Community Conference in Ljubljana was important for EduFootprint. It allows us to extend our knowledge looking to the different approaches/views, considering the crosscutting nature of themes such as planning management, business models and social awareness. Right inside these areas it is possible to mainstream innovative technical outcomes, policies, funding and to envisage some innovative solutions to engage the target groups. A practical approach in the training sessions enriched us inspiring us to think outside the box.

EduFootprint project started the "transferring" phase, with the 1st transnational workshop with the Italian and Slovenian partners in Treviso (23 November 2018) and national events planned for the next year. The Carbon Footprint Calculator has been almost finalized and the school platform is ready!



ENERJ

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During this period, ENERJ partners are elaborating their Local Joint Action Plans, the core of ENERJ project. The Plans bundle different energy efficiency measures to make them more attractive for ESCOs and financial institutions. In each partner area a Focus Group of local experts has been established to discuss the concept and the parameters and to elaborate the plan.

This process is based on data gathered from the energy audits of 102 public buildings in the Mediterranean region, which represent a complete picture of the current energy performances of public buildings.

ENERJ presented these progresses at PrioritEE Mid-term Conference in Athens, at the International Climate Alliance Conference 2018 in Barcelona and at the EB & RE MED Community Conference. In Ljubljana, ENERJ moderated the session “Engaging Target Groups” of the Working Group on Business Models. The conference provided the opportunity to come in touch with the working methods and the achievements of the other projects within the Efficient Buildings and the Renewable Energy MED Communities.

IMPULSE

<https://impulse.interreg-med.eu/>

In the last months, IMPULSE project was very active in the promotion of its achievements. On the 5th and 6th of November 2018, Dr. Stavrakakis presented IMPULSE project at the conference “Capital + Vision 2018”, with a side event named “Prospects and Challenges for the Energy Transition to 2030 - Energy Saving at the public sector”. IMPULSE demonstrated to the audience, how its results can contribute to decarbonize the public sector.

Project representatives participated also to the EB & RE MED Community Conference in Ljubljana exchanging opinions about their technical approach and their possible contribution to energy regulations.

Finally, IMPULSE organized a focus group meeting in Heraklion (Greece) on the 7th December 2018, to present IMPULSE's tools to public technicians and engineers and to discuss with Cretan political leaders and Covenant of Mayors supporters about the regional energy renovation plan.





PrioritEE HOW-TO-BRIEFS

So far, the project delivered four (out of eight) "How-To Briefs" collecting the project's experience and expertise on

- "Creating a sustainable energy action plan",
- "Innovative financing of energy efficiency measures in public buildings",
- "Building envelope and sustainable thermal comfort in public buildings",
- "Centralised energy management and ICT in public buildings".

All "How-to-briefs" are available in the five MED languages on PrioritEE's website.

PrioritEE

<https://prioritee.interreg-med.eu/>

PrioritEE project is in the middle of its activities. Partners are currently working on the main components of the PrioritEE toolbox and on the implementation of the pilot studies. Last June, PrioritEE Mid Term Conference was held in Athens. The event was attended by a large number of stakeholders including 35 representatives of energy centres, universities, municipal and regional authorities from Italy, Portugal, Spain, Croatia and Greece. During this event, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between PrioritEE, NEW FINANCE and IMPULSE. In the last months, the second cycle of activities was carried out: the Local Living Labs in 5 regions to raise awareness and exchange good practices; the Local Workshops to train local administrators; and the Case Study Exchange visits on Decision Support Tool. Finally, the project was present in Ljubljana for the EB & RE MED Community Conference where project representatives moderated the Social Awareness Workshop, and attended the others, sharing ideas in particular with EDUFOOTPRINT, TEESCHOOLS and CESBA MED.

SHERPA

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SHERPA was well represented at the EB & RE MED Conference in Ljubljana. It was the occasion to share best practices and to start discussing on capitalisation of their outcomes through policy making. Indeed, identification of barriers/solutions on planning and management, awareness, etc. and the update on EU initiatives/policies and priorities were useful hints towards an inclusive EE model for the MED area. SHERPA information system and EEB training course system were presented as part of the solutions.

Over the past six months, SHERPA has completed its testing activities and started to disseminate them through its Joint Transferring Seminar in Marseille and

ongoing National Seminars. 2019 will be marked by Capitalisation Regional Workshops, the preparation of SHERPA's Joint Action Plan, and the integration of 100 new public buildings belonging to Municipalities within the partners' regions, and to regional or local governments in the APFs' for the replication of SHERPA's methodology.



STEPPING

<https://stepping.interreg-med.eu/>

STEPPING fourth project meeting was organized by ARENATEjo in Elvas (Portugal) at the end of October 2018. Partners presented the current status of their investment plans, they discussed about EPC simulation tools, planned regional trainings and policy engagement. One of the main conclusions was the importance of local events to raise awareness on EPC tender and benefits and to present STEPPING's tools to relevant local stakeholders. So far 17 local events reached 648 participants in 11 European cities and therefore partners discussed about the opportunity to organize a second round

of local events. Concerning international events, STEPPING participated to the EB & RE MED Community Conference in Ljubljana. Regional development agency Gorenjska, BSC Kranj presented STEPPING main achievements in developing an EPC investment scheme adapted to Mediterranean area. Key representatives of national and international organizations were able to get a closer look upon the outcomes, difficulties and solutions in a relaxed atmosphere of the exhibition café and during a round table discussion on the second day of the event.

TEESCHOOLS

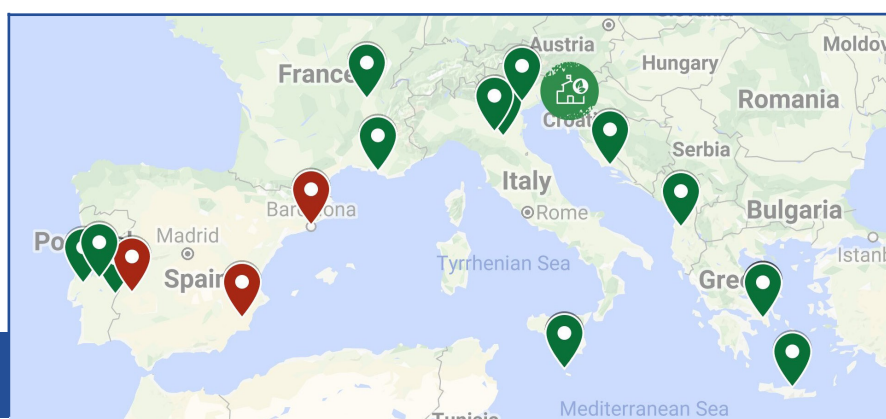
<https://teeschools.interreg-med.eu/>

Teeschools participated at the EB & RE MED Community Conference in Ljubljana to present on-going results to experts and strategic institutions. The event brought together the MED area projects, creating thematic work sessions, allowing the various projects to discuss and compare the results by far, while indicators and objectives were analyzed. Teeschools presented also its

web tool, launched in September in Split (<http://www.improveyourschool.enea.it/>): a platform used to collect information from partners and to share best practices for school buildings. The launch event in Split was also the occasion to meet stakeholders from different countries and to train them in the field of school buildings renovation.

WE WERE THERE: THE COMMUNITY'S EVENTS OF THE SEMESTER

21/06/18 Athens.	PrioritEE Mid-term Conference	13/11/18 Gozo	SHERPA 5th SC Meeting
17/07/18 Marseille	SHERPA Joint Transferring Seminar	14/11/18 Gozo	CESBA MED Sprint Workshop
19/09/18 Split	TEESCHOOLS 4th SC Meeting	15/11/18 Modena	STEPPING National Event
25/09/18 Tirana	EduFootprint 5th SC Meeting	22/11/18 Murcia	Technical-economical solutions for EEB
01/10/18 Barcelona	Climate Alliance Conference 2018	23/11/18 Treviso	EduFootprint Transnational Event
03/10/18 Santarem	PRIORITEE Case Study Exchange visits	28/11/18 Merida	EXPOENERGEA 2018
18/10/18 Ljubljana	EB & RE MED Community Conference	03/12/18 Gavião	ENERJ 5th SC Meeting
19/10/18 Bologna	SHERPA Italian National Seminar	03/12/18 Athens	SHERPA's Greek National Seminar
25/10/18 Elvas	STEPPING 4th Project Meeting	07/12/18 Heraklion	IMPULSE Focus Group meetings
05/11/18 Athens	Capital + Vision 2018	12/12/18 Lyon	STEPPING Training session on EPC





NEXT EVENTS.

READ THE FULL CALENDAR

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Modular Projects' Events



External Events

16
JAN
2019

CAMPO MAIOR (Portugal)

STEPPING + ENERJ Conference "Challenges and opportunities for sustainable development in Alto Alentejo"

23-24
JAN
2019

ZARAGOZA (Spain)

PrioritEE 4th Steering Committee Meeting

28-29
JAN
2019

VALENCIA (Spain)

SHERPA 6th Steering Committee Meeting + Spanish National Seminar

29-30
JAN
2019

BARCELONA (Spain)

Euro-Mediterranean Efficient Buildings and Renewable Energy Platform Meeting

6-7
MAR
2019

MODENA (Italy)

STEPPING Training on EPC for partners, parent institutions and stakeholders + Project Partners Meeting

ATHENS (Greece)

TEESCHOOLS 5th Steering Committee Meeting

16-17
MAY
2019

SCILLA (Italy)

CESBA MED Sustainable Built Environment Conference 2019 "Policies for a sustainable built environment" + CESBA Neighborhood Award Ceremony



The Efficient Buildings Community wishes to you and your families all the best for the Holiday and for a great 2019

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