





## <u>Promote the Sustainable Use of Renewable Resources and Energy</u> <u>Efficiency in Rural Regions</u>

RURES sets to exploit the potential of renewable energies (RES) and energy efficiency (EE) in rural regions as they have a great potential for reaching energy autonomy.

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## Value Calculator

In accordance with the project call and subsequently approved project, an online value calculator was developed, which deals with renewable energy sources. With the support of stakeholders, sets of questions have been created for the Value Calculator (VC). After answering them they can be used as basic information for the suitability of the installation in the area.\*

The VC was prepared with the support of all project members' experience and supported by external experts. The main input information needed for the VC structure is:

- Legal form of the entity
- Selection of wished Renewable Energy System (RES) source (geothermal, biomass, heat pumps, photovoltaic)
- Answering some questions about the location and expected "products".

After completing all steps, the expected impacts are being displayed in three steps: recommended models, environmental and financial benefits and the possibility of subsidy

The benefit of this output is clearly the fact that the project partners managed to simplify very complicated issues around the Renewable Energy System. With the partners involved, an overview of similar good practices in other countries was obtained. The impact and benefits of the tool for the territories are mainly focusing on spreading the information of the possible use of Renewable Energy Systems, enlarging the group of RES users. It is possible for almost everybody to use it. The user-friendliness of the created VC tool allows even less technically skilled people to access the provided information.

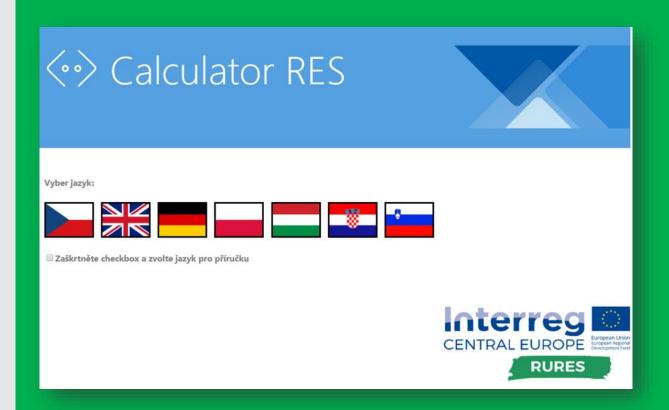
The main benefits of the VC are:

- User-friendly output structure for local support groups
- Expected increase in RES shares in energy structure
- Clarification of the basic principles chosen by the RES for the general public
- Possibility to test all the selected RES (biomass, geothermal energy, photovoltaics, and heat pumps)
- Multilingual output variations, the possibility of further language versions

A value calculator is a good tool for anybody who would like to obtain information on each kind of RES.

The latest version of the Value Calculator in several languages can be reached via

## https://decisiontree.eu



The Value Calculator has a handbook that explains very simply how to use Value Calculator and contains also Best Practices from the project partner countries (Czech Republic, Croatia, Hungary, Germany, Poland and Slovenia).

\* Due to the limited number of countries participating not all local specificities and details can be taken into account.





In connection with the energy-efficiency online calculator developed in frame of the project, 2 trainings and 2 workshops will be held in the country of each partner. The aim of the events is to enable participants to get acquainted with the correct use of the calculator and its benefits, with the help and guidance of the project partners. In the course of the events, detailed information and practical advice will be presented on the rules related to energy efficiency, renewable energy sources and their proper use.

The training is mainly aimed at professionals of local governments who are working in connection with local energy investments. On the other hand, the partnership expects the participation of active experts and professionals - primarily at the local level - who deal with the use of renewable energy sources and work in the field of energy efficiency.

The agenda of the events will be sent by the partner of the respective country. The trainings will be held in the language of the host country. Considering the current situation of COVID 19, the trainings and workshops will take place in the framework of online meetings, their details will be communicated to you by the project partners. We look forward to seeing you at our events.



RURES is a project financed under the Interreg Central Europe programme that sets to exploit the potential of renewable energies (RES) and energy efficiency (EE) in rural regions as they have a great potential for reaching energy autonomy. Within RURES local support group composed of all relevant actors will be established acting as

a regional energy network for implementing energy efficiency plans. Best-practices of alternative financing models for EE/RES measures will be researched and become the basis for new feasibility studies on how to implement energy efficiency plans. The calculator tool (for municipal taxes and other incomes) will highlight the importance of a community-oriented regional development and further underline the benefits and added value generated by exploiting EE/RES.

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