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Dear members of consortium, dear friends of COMPOSE project,

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It is the time to send out our Christmas and New Years wishes! Let us bring lots of energy, excellent health and exciting challenges! With COMPOSE we're now half way to finish it, so it requests for all of us big efforts. Therefore, it's to take this advantage of the opportunity and to say a great thanks to you all! The year 2018 promises hard work again to communicate our results at local, regional, national and even European level. Our common goal, to increase RES in energy mix will happen if it has strong social acceptance, showing clear socio- economic benefits for the area and is sustainable. This is possible, when the local partnership accepts and helps developing concrete development opportunities and promote idea at the decision making level. At the moment, COMPOSE is implementing it's 15 pilot actions to promote this idea and to bring development opportunities to local

surroundings. We promise intensive dissemination of results to the broader public together with development of training materials for transfer of the knowledge to different stakeholder's levels. We are looking forward to bring you concrete results in early 2018!

Kind regards,  
COMPOSE team



*The main story*

## **3rd project partners meeting in Portugal brings new efforts**

The project partner's meeting, hosted by Energy and environment agency of Arrabida, heard a mid-term overview of all project activities, respecting deadlines of the deliverables, their quality and applicability for future work. Furthermore, partners presented and reviewed pilot/ demo activities to ensure their smooth implementation. In two days, all participants

had possibility to identify opportunity for promotion of the project on EU level and to recognize essential points of coming capacity building and transferability plan.

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The third day was an international energy agencies day with the great challenge to present COMPOSE and a global perspective of climate changes and common energy goals.

## **Exchange of experience will ensure quality of implementation**

Great potential of renewable sources in Mediterranean is shown already by the implementation of 15 pilots, as it was promised in COMPOSE application. With the help of local communities, the progress of the work is very promising. In order to facilitate exchange of experience, partners presented their work within poster session. After that, similar or complementary projects have been detailed presented within parallel session, where partners could discuss about bottlenecks and the solutions, proposed by the local action groups.

## **Efficiently organize capacity building activities to be undertaken by the 11 COMPOSE partners**

COMPOSE started developing training materials for decision makers and local action groups, which will be able to enhance skills and speed up the implementation procedures for achieving common energy goals. Targeting members of local action groups, which consist from various members, e.g. energy suppliers, potential investors, decision makers (at local, regional or national level), technical experts etc. COMPOSE aims to assist by

comprehending the key principles for sustainable RES project development at the decision-making & planning level, to learn about new business models and innovative technology applications, and to be familiar with the common methodology and evaluate it.

# **What can COMPOSE contribute to the EU level to increase its visibility and how?**

Partners and associated partners of COMPOSE share experiences and lessons learned at the EU level. The local authorities and stakeholders, we work with, can express their needs as well as propose RES and EE policy recommendations through participatory approach to national or EU decision makers. Successful implemented local projects enables us creating positive oriented stories with and with recommendations for further development policies. COMPOSE looks forward of numerous of events in the next year, where we will be able to share ideas about possible solutions and relevant methodologies for faster progress of environment based sectors.

## **Prof. Lučka Kajfež Bogataj about 10 must- knows on Climate Change**

The international energy agency day in Sesimbra attended more than 120 participants, mostly from Portuguese energy agencies and representatives of national, local and regional authorities. The Nobel prize co- winner prof. Lučka Kajfež Bogataj stressed the 10 must- knows on Climate changes and warned about consequences of exaggerated use of fossil fuels on one and on capability to pass mitigation measures on the other hand. According to her initiative, COMPOSE is starting investigate about energy literacy among public and in

the groups of decision makers. First results in Slovenia show alarming low literacy and knowledge about national and local energy plans among general public. Even in the group of decision makers, the results are not encouraging, so the project team decided to spread the query about energy literacy in all 11 med regions.

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## **Save the date**

1. MED- programme invites to attend the mid- term event on 18th &19th April in Rome. The main purpose of this event is to demonstrate the results of our work within thematic communities. Interested stakeholders are warmly invited!
2. The next Project partners meeting will take place in Monte Negro in the end of May 2018. We're looking forward to present implemented results from 15 pilot cases ! Information: [https:// compose.interreg-med.eu](https://compose.interreg-med.eu)



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