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WP 2

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**SHERPA partners met in Heraklion on 21-22 November 2017 in the frame of the project’s 3rd steering committee to discuss the project’s progress and upcoming steps. On this occasion, a meeting with Cretan municipalities was also organised to raise awareness on the project and pave the way for the transferring phase.**

SHERPA’s 3rd Steering Committee was organised in Heraklion on 21 November 2017 at the invitation of the Crete Region. The aim of this internal meeting gathering all partners was to discuss the first outcomes of the project, especially the testing activities. It was also the occasion to start preparing for the transferring phase, due to begin in June next year, and also discuss communication issues as well as synergies with other relevant projects and Euro-Mediterranean initiatives.

George Alexakis, Vice-Governor of Crete in charge of European and International Issues, opened the meeting and recalled that his Region is very much committed to energy efficiency in public buildings. Representatives from the Government of Catalonia, SHERPA’s lead partner, namely Carles Sala, Secretary of Housing and Urban Improvement and Josep Casas, Deputy General Director of Architecture, Housing Planning & Urban Improvement, made some introductory remarks and highlighted the importance of energy efficiency in buildings, and the SHERPA project for Catalonia.

It was followed by a presentation from Xavier Martí, SHERPA’s Coordinator, on the project’s overall progress, who congratulated the whole partnership for the hard work, especially for identifying 113 projects in which SHERPA’s methodology will be applied. Then, each partner involved in WP3 activities - in particular Regions implementing the energy renovation projects in their own buildings - had the opportunity to present their work and progress.

An update was also made on the last and forthcoming activities related to communication and dissemination, including lobbying activities related to the project. Over the last months, the IMC pushed – through its network of contacts and its own members - for the integration of specific messages highlighting the crucial role of LRAs and multilevel governance in the implementation process of policies related to energy efficiency in buildings in important policy documents. These include the European Committee of the Regions’ Opinion ‘Energy efficiency and buildings’ dated 13 July 2017, the ITRE Committee Report ‘on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending directive 2010/31/EU on the energy performance of buildings’, as well as the IMC 2017 Campania and CPMR Helsinki 2018 Final Declarations.

The second day was dedicated to side meetings directly linked to the project. The first one was the official launch of SHERPA's Scientific Advisory Panel, gathering one expert for each country represented in the project, which will be in charge of assessing SHERPA's renovation projects as well as the regional strategies.

On the same day, SHERPA also met with representatives from several Cretan municipalities interested in the project. This meeting will pave the way for the transferring and capitalising phases of the project, which will involve municipalities.

The project's next steering committee meeting will be held in Marseille at the end of May 2018 (date tbc). It will be organised back-to-back with a meeting of the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission's Task Force on Energy Renovation in Med Buildings. A meeting with French local administrations interested in the project will also take place on this occasion.

Stakeholders directly or indirectly involved in the field of energy efficiency in public buildings and that are interested in becoming observers of SHERPA's Associated Partners Forum to be informed of the project's last development can express their interest by filling in this form.