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SHERPA's Newsletter will help *to keep the readers up to date with the project's most recent developments and events*. It will be published every six months until the end of the project.

THE SHERPA PROJECT



SHERPA's main objective is to reinforce the capacities of public administrations, at regional and sub-regional level, to improve energy efficiency in public buildings. To do so, a transnational, holistic and peer-to-peer model is being developed in order to work on the main barriers related to EEB strategies in public buildings.

The model is being now tested within the partner regions. Later, the transferring and capitalisation process will involve further municipalities of these partner regions as well as the associated partner regions and some of their municipalities. ([SHERPA website available soon here](#))

WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED SO FAR



107 regional buildings have been identified so far, which goes beyond the expectations. 100 municipal buildings still need to be identified.

All the Working Groups are now fully operational and already delivering. Partner regions have started identifying their respective buildings, filling in the identification sheets for their buildings and preparing regional Energy Renovation in Buildings (ERB) policy commitments. The 'shared information system' gathering data about the identified buildings has already been launched. 4 online training sessions have been organised and the virtual platform and repository are now operational. Also, all partners have started working to find the best financial solutions possible to fund the projects.

Finally, the Communication Plan has been presented and approved, as well as the SHERPA Scientific Advisory Panel. First steps for the transferring and capitalisation phase are now being taken. ([SHERPA website available soon here](#))

INTERACTION WITH THE EFFICIENT BUILDINGS THEMATIC COMMUNITY



In accordance with the new spirit of the Interreg MED programme, SHERPA is part of the 'Efficient Buildings' thematic communities, gathering 10 Modular Projects : CESBA MED, EduFootprint, IMPULSE, NEW FINANCE, ENERJ, Horizontal Project (MEDNICE).

SHERPA is already strongly interacting with the members of the community. For instance, 3 memoranda of understanding were signed with other Modular Projects (i.e. CESBA MED, IMPULSE and NEW FINANCE) to define joint actions and pursue common objectives. SHERPA aims to cooperate with other Modular Projects on specific topics, such as finance and tools and strategy, as foreseen by the Horizontal Project. (See 'Efficient Buildings' Thematic Community's [website](#))

RECENT EVENTS

SHERPA 2nd Steering Committee – 14 June 2017



SHERPA partners met in Rome, Italy, on 14 June to discuss the project's progress and future steps. The project partners presented their respective regional buildings for the testing phase, and several deliverables were presented (i.e. communication plan, database for the selected buildings, results of the Working Groups' activities, etc.). They also discussed about upcoming activities.

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SHERPA Associated Partners Forum (APF) – 15 June 2017

The APF was officially set up after the signature of the Constitutive Act by all its members attending the meeting, and later by those who were not able to attend. SHERPA's APF aims to create a network of public administrations and interested stakeholders working on the improvement of Energy Efficiency in Buildings, and act as a multiplier factor to increase the impact and reach of the project's activities and outcomes. That same day, the region of Western Greece and the Sapienza University became members of the APF as Observers. Subsequently, the Tarragona Provincial Council also signed as SHERPA Observer.

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SHERPA'S ASSOCIATED PARTNERS FORUM

CONSTITUTIVE ACT

SHERPA's Lead Partner and Work Packages Coordinators,

In accordance with SHERPA's Associated Partners, duly represented,

Having regard to SHERPA project's Application Form, in which the creation of the Associated Partners Forum is foreseen and described as follows:

"The Associated Partners Forum is set up during the preparation of the proposal. It consists of current Covenant Supporters or Coordinators within the Covenant of Mayors initiative and other territorial organisations that potentially will become Covenant Supporters. The forum will be coordinated by the project coordinator and the WIP leaders. It will be involved during project activities and as a multiplier especially in communication activities."

Having regard to the 'Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy' initiative,

HAVE DECIDED THAT:

The SHERPA Associated Partners Forum (hereinafter called 'the Forum') shall officially be launched in the margins of SHERPA's 2nd Steering Committee in Rome on the 15th June 2017, after the signature of this Constitution Act. Members of the Forum will be involved in the testing (WP3), transferring (WP4) and capitalisation (WP5) activities of the project and will also be associated to communication activities to create a multiplier effect.

The functions, role, working procedures and all details are established as follows:

Article 1 – Purpose and functions

1. The purpose of SHERPA's Associated Partners Forum is to benefit from and contribute to the dissemination and transfer of SHERPA's results to public administrations at Mediterranean scale and act as a multiplier in order to increase the impact and reach of the project's activities and outcomes. It will act as a network of public administrations working on the improvement of Energy Efficiency in buildings.
2. Each member of the Forum shall engage other entities from their country with similar status/functions in the APF:
 - The 'Diputació de Barcelona' (DIBA) shall engage other Mediterranean Spanish provinces and municipalities in its area of influence;
 - The 'Àrea Metropolitana de Barcelona' (AMB) shall engage other Mediterranean Spanish metropolitan areas in its area of influence;
 - The 'Institut Català de Energia' (ICAEN) shall engage other Mediterranean Spanish regional energy institutes in its area of influence;
 - 'Arco Latino' shall engage other Mediterranean municipalities and cities in its area of influence;
 - The 'Generalitat Valenciana' shall engage other Mediterranean regions in its area of influence;

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“We are MED” – Alicante May 2017



The official launch of the MED Community ('We are MED') took place on 17 May in Alicante. The event gathered more than 100 representatives (mainly lead partners and communication managers) from all horizontal and modular projects (MPs) from the Interreg MED programme. SHERPA was represented by its lead partner (Govt. of Catalonia) and communication responsible (IMC-CPMR).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MEDNICE Annual Congress and EEB Hub in October 2017

The 'Efficient Buildings' Thematic Community's annual Congress will be organised on 4-7 October 2017 in Nice, France. It will bring together members of the Community as well as other Mediterranean EEB stakeholders.



EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

SHERPA 3rd SC – Heraklion (Crete)



Περιφέρεια Κρήτης

Region of Crete

SHERPA's 3rd Steering Committee will take place in Heraklion (Crete) on 22-23 November this year. It will be the occasion to discuss the project's progress, especially regarding the Testing Activities (WP3) and prepare the beginning of the Transferring Phase (WP4). After a monographic session about regional strategies, SHERPA's partners will discuss about the replication at municipalities level.

JOIN US

Become a SHERPA observer

If you want to become a SHERPA Observer and monitor/get involved in the project's activities, through the APF, please be so kind as to fill in the following form: <https://goo.gl/forms/fiZEyYVxqUw4DONS2>. This form was developed in order to ensure the results of the SHERPA project are being disseminated as broadly as possible and capitalised on, but also to engage as many stakeholders as possible in its activities.

The Observer status is a formula by which all those regions and municipalities interested in SHERPA can get involved in the project, have direct access to all the project's information and be part of the APF.

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