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## SHERPA NEWSLETTER #2 DECEMBER 2017



### *SHared knowledge for Energy Renovation in buildings by Public Administrations*

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.

For more detailed information about SHERPA, visit our [website](#).

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### Word of the Coordinator

It's already been one year since the SHERPA project was launched!

Since then, a lot has been done thanks to the hard work and commitment of all partners. We are reaching the end of the testing phase, during which the thematic working groups (Governance; Information system; Training and awareness; Finance) provided support to SHERPA Regions in the implementation of testing activities. SHERPA's Associated Partners Forum is now well constituted and fully prepared for the transferring and capitalising phases, during which municipalities will be at work.

Throughout this period, we have also been very active and involved in external activities to promote the project,



especially with the Interreg MED 'Efficient Buildings' community.

In addition to this, we succeeded in getting our voice heard at EU level by submitting amendments to the European Committee of the Regions' [opinion](#) 'Energy efficiency and buildings of 13 July 2017', the [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 CPMR Intermediterranean Commission's 2017 Campania [Final Declaration](#) and the CPMR 2018 Helsinki [Final Declaration](#).

Xavier Martí, SHERPA's Coordinator

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## TRAININGS

### 40 civil servants trained by SHERPA

40 Civil servants have been trained through the SHERPA Training Working Group led by IVE. These Regional Trainings -that started in September- will allow SHERPA Regions and the owners of the selected buildings to exchange about buildings and Energy Efficiency Renovation. Each region must organise one Regional Training per semester in order to update its agents on renovation processes, financial schemes, etc. From January onwards, these Regional Trainings will be achieved according to the transnational trainings meetings, which will be organised by thematic, or by building's usage. Alongside, coordination meetings are schedule will be schedule in order to share results and questions with the whole SHERPA partnership.

### SHERPA's Regional Training sessions well underway in Barcelona



Regional Training Sessions started in Barcelona in September 2017. They aim to enable the exchange of information on the buildings owned by the Government of Catalonia and are intended for the infrastructure, projects and energy management technicians of the Catalan ministries that take part in the Project (Interior Ministry, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Food, Catalan Health Institute, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Families and the Ministry of Governance, Public Administrations and Housing).

The 3rd training session took place on 6 November 2017. At that time, all Catalan ministries had already presented their buildings involved in SHERPA. The training was complemented by a presentation on the financial characterisation of SHERPA's ERB projects. The Catalan Regional Training Sessions will resume next year with the analysis on the financing alternatives for each building.

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## Regione Emilia-Romagna organises trainings to define the best EEB measures for its selected buildings



The Emilia Romagna Region also started the Regional Training Sessions so as to define the best energy efficiency measures for the buildings within the SHERPA project, both in technical and financial terms. The first session was held on 16 November, with a focus on public residential buildings. Technicians and officers of the Urban renovation and housing policy dept. and the Energy dept. of the regional administration took part together with the technicians of social housing agencies in the meeting.

Participants analysed and discussed the projects for renovation of buildings built at different times (early twentieth century, in the 1950s, in the 1970s) in order to find the best solutions for each period of construction. The second part of the meeting focused on financial issues, and more specifically on the contribution and the optimal use of public regional funds. The regional government will soon launch the next call for public buildings renovation projects co-financed by the EU ERDF through the regional ROP. The next Regional Training Sessions are scheduled for the next few months.



## SYNERGIES WITH OTHER PROJECTS

### Strengthening synergies between SHERPA and IMPULSE



Last October in Alicante, the Valencia Institute of Building (IVE), as a partner of 2 modular projects (SHERPA & IMPULSE) under the Interreg MED 'Efficient Buildings' axis, organised a working meeting with Elche Municipality (partner of IMPULSE) and the Energy Agency of Alicante (public regional administration). These projects are focused on the development of common objectives to address energy renovation projects in buildings, integrated project delivery and other tools for integrating the whole value chain.

Optimisation and integration of advanced energy saving, energy use, and energy generation systems such as insulation, industrialised components for retrofitting, advanced HVAC and management systems and distributed energy generation are key to achieve the goals of projects under this theme.

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### SHERPA and CESBA MED projects sign a Memorandum of understanding



The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will foster joint efforts and synergies between the two projects, and will enable them to exchange on progress and results. It was signed in the frame of CESBA-MED's Management Board, which took place in Zagreb, Croatia, on 11-12 July.

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## OUR EVENTS

### Presentation of the energy data innovation network (EDI-NET) to the catalan municipalities - 20 October 2017

The presentation event took place on 20 October 2017 in Barcelona and was presided over by Ms. Meritxell Borràs, Catalan Minister of Governance, Public Administrations and Housing. The presentation was complemented on 23 October by a training session addressed to the technicians of the municipalities interested in engaging with the project.



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### SHERPA 3rd Steering Committee - 21 November 2017

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.



This meeting 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 initiatives. Xavier Martí, SHERPA's Coordinator, presented the project's overall progress and 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.

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## SHERPA meets with Cretan municipalities - 22 November 2017

In the margins of the project's 3rd Steering Committee, SHERPA representatives met with representatives from CRETAN municipalities interested in the project's activities and willing to replicate its methodology during its transferring/capitalising phases, starting in June 2018.

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## WE WERE THERE

### EEB MED Annual Congress - 4-6 October 2017



SHERPA representatives had the opportunity to meet with the rest of the Interreg MED projects dealing with energy efficiency in buildings on 4-6 October 2017 in Nice, in the frame of MEDNICE Annual Congress. The aim of the event was to encourage networking and exchange of ideas between projects on specific themes, including training and finance. A series of roundtables around projects enabled SHERPA to share its first outcomes -as well as the problems encountered and solutions provided to address them- with the different projects of the MED 'Efficient Buildings' community.

During the second day, a roundtable with high level speakers provided the projects with an insight of EU policies and financing opportunities for energy efficiency. The last day was dedicated to thematic discussions (financing, policy issues, communication) between participants.

### CESBA-MED 3rd Steering Committee - 14-15 November 2017





The partners of the CESBA-MED project met in Sant Cugat on 14-15 November to debate on the current state of the art of the project and plan future steps. Among other things, it was agreed that a Sprint Workshop CESBA-MED - SHERPA will be organised in Malta in October/November 2018 (dates tbc). This workshop will allow for an exchange of information and an enhancement of synergies between the two projects.

More information about CESBA-MED on its [website](#).

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## SAVE THE DATE!

### 2nd MEDNICE (Efficient Buildings) Annual Congress - Ljubljana 2018

Interreg MED's 'Efficient Buildings' horizontal project (MEDNICE) will organise its second annual congress in 2018 in Ljubljana.

Further details will be available soon on [MEDNICE's website](#).



EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

### Interreg MED mid-term event 'Made in MED' – Rome 18-19 April 2018



The Interreg MED Programme is organising its mid-term event in Rome on 18-19 April 2018. All partners from all MED projects are expected to attend this event, which will consist of plenary sessions, networking activities, exhibitions and side events.

More information coming soon on the [MED Programme's website](#).

### SHERPA 4th SC – Marseille May 2018 (date tbc)

SHERPA's 4th Steering Committee will take place in Marseille (France). On this occasion, the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission will organise a meeting of its Task Force on 'Energy Renovation in Mediterranean Buildings'.

More information coming soon on [SHERPA's website](#).



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## BECOME AN OBSERVER OF SHERPA

Now reaching more than 30 observers, we will be happy to spread the Observer status to other regions and municipalities interested in SHERPA and allow them to have direct access to all the project's information and be part of the APF.

The Associated Partners Forum of SHERPA will give them the opportunity to :

- Monitor the testing (WP3), Transferring (WP4) and Capitalising (WP5) phases of the project
- Benefit from the SHERPA's results and outputs
- Participate to the Regional Training WG's sessions
- Access the toolkit on Energy Efficiency Building
- Transfer the testing phase on your municipalities
- Obtain the Sherpa Building card
- Benefit of the online Capitalisation Forum

If you are stakeholders directly or indirectly involved in the field of energy efficiency in public buildings and wish to become observer of this Forum and take advantage of its benefits on Energy Renovation of Public Buildings, please express your interest by filling in this [form](#).

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