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More Carbon Reaction by Dynamically Monitoring Energy Efficiency

Dear Reader,

Welcome to EMPOWER's third Newsletter.

This period of the project was very busy with lots of interesting exchanges and opportunities. In this edition you will find information about EMPOWER's Study Visits and upcoming Project activities.

We are well on our way to empowering our regions. Our project website is a great source of information and news, with regular updates on progress. Follow us on www.interregeurope.eu/empower

We hope you enjoy learning more about EMPOWER!

Throughout the project, the 9 partner regions will work together, exchange good practices and improve knowledge and policies through actions including a Peer Review event, Study Visits, Technical and Import Workshops and Regional Action Plans to improve policy. The aim is to reduce Carbon Emissions from Buildings through energy monitoring and innovative financing.



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EMPOWER AT A GLANCE

EMPOWER aims to reduce carbon output by dynamically monitoring energy efficiency in buildings, with special focus on the use of innovative financial instruments.



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Empower News on Study Visits



Maribor, Slovenia

The two-day Study Visit on 12th and 13th December 2017 in Maribor was hosted by the Energy Agency of Podravje. During the visit, attendees got first-hand experience of the development and management of an Energy and Financial Monitoring System in public buildings. The Municipality of Maribor's energy monitoring system, which is a web-based monitoring tool using a special software programme to analyse energy related data and prepare reports. [Read more](#)



Mazovia, Poland

The Study Visit in Mazovia took place at the beginning of January 2018 and focused on the Jessica Project. The first day began in Warsaw Military University and continued with a tour of the campus to see the results of the investment from the Jessica Project. On the second day Stakeholders went to Legionowo City where they participated in a city tour which showcased Jessica investments including a Football field and Kindergartens. [Read more](#)



Kalmar, Sweden

During two intensive days in January 2018 the Energy Agency for Southeast Sweden hosted stakeholders from Slovenia and France. Participants visited energy efficient buildings demonstrating examples of best practice. They met with decision makers, implementers and owners of public buildings, where the methods of passive house building and innovative financing solutions were highlighted. [Read more](#)



Cork, Ireland

EMPOWER's Irish partner the Southern Regional Assembly, assisted by Cork City Council and C.I.T. hosted a successful Study Visit in February, attracting participants from Germany, Spain, Slovenia, Poland.

The purpose of the study trip to Cork was to learn more about successful energy monitoring programmes currently being rolled out by Public Sector Bodies in Ireland. The trip also included a practical visit to the Nimbus Centre, C.I.T. to see examples of energy monitoring. [Read more](#)



Saxony-Anhalt, Germany



Saxony-Anhalt hosted an intense and interesting Study Visit at the end of February. Visits to education buildings which incorporated an innovative combination of heating systems and photovoltaics; monitoring systems with excellent user integration and innovative ventilation and heating systems combined with expert monitoring. The second day focused on Innovative Financial Instruments and a presentation by Minister of Finance, André Schröder.

Empower News Project Management Group Meeting



The City of Santander in Spain hosted EMPOWER's third Project Management Group Meeting (PMG3) in March. Partners exchanged and shared their experience of project activities implemented in the last six months. The presentations on Communication & Disseminations, Study Visits, Good Practices Register and Project Management were given. At the meeting the new partner, Florence Energy Agency from Italy (P4) was introduced to all partners. The Work Plans for Semester 3 and 4 were presented by Energy Agency of Podravje.

Empower enters the next stage

In the first 16 months, project partners focused mostly on Peer Review and lessons learned from the Study visits. A series of Study Visits were hosted to allow the Stakeholders to get more familiar with specific financial and energy monitoring measurements. The Register of Good Practices was prepared and adopted. We are moving into the next exciting phase of Empower, from learning and exchanging experiences to the of preparation of Regional Action Plans.

The next period will see Empower Partners organising two Thematic Technical Workshops: one led by Almada, Portugal on Energy Monitoring and a second led by Saxony Anhalt, Germany on innovative financing of energy projects.

Each project partner will produce their Regional Action Plan. We look forward to reporting on these activities in the next edition of our Newsletter which will be published at the end of June 2018.

What is new on the Empower Website?

Check out photos, and updates about Study Visits and Good Practices from our Partners in our new [website library](#) and [news section](#).

More information on Good Practices from all over Europe can be found on the [Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform](#)



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Local Energy Management Agency of Almada, AGENEAL (PT)



Southern Regional Assembly (IE)



Florentine Energy Agency (IT)



Municipality of Lorient (FR)



Energy Agency for Southeast Sweden (SE)



Mazovia Energy Agency (MAE) (PL)



Development Bank of Saxony-Anhalt (DE)



Santander City Council (ES)



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